

## Dental Assisting Curriculum Example

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Curriculum/Stage	Recommended dentalcare.com Courses
<b>Semester I</b>	
Dental Anatomy (Basic Orofacial Anatomy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anatomy &amp; Histology of the Gingival Unit and Basic Oral Hygiene (CE592)</li> <li>• An Overview of Dental Anatomy (CE500)</li> <li>• Head and Neck Anatomy: Part I - Bony Structures (CE591)</li> <li>• Head and Neck Anatomy: Part II - Bony Structures (CE592)</li> <li>• Head and Neck Anatomy: Part III - Bony Structures (CE593)</li> <li>• Professional Dental Terminology for the Dental Assistant and Hygienist (CE542)</li> </ul>
Dental Materials (Dental Materials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Evidence-based Approach to Laser Therapy around Ailing/Failing Dental Implants (CE564)</li> <li>• A Nonsurgical Caries Treatment Option: Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) (CE678)</li> <li>• Anterior Resin Infiltration: A Minimally Invasive Treatment Option for Enamel Caries and Cosmetic Defects (CE634)</li> <li>• Care &amp; Maintenance of Dental Restorations (CE468)</li> <li>• Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Clinical Assessment in the Prevention of Peri-implant Mucositis, Peri-implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514)</li> <li>• Non-Metal Clasp Dentures (CE650)</li> <li>• Dental Dentures (CE662)</li> <li>• A-Z Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE670) Hazardous (and Universal) Waste Management (CE499)</li> <li>• Prosthesis Retention and Effective Use of Denture Adhesive in Complete Denture Therapy (CE360)</li> </ul>
Chairside Assisting I (Pre-clinical Procedures)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anatomy &amp; Histology of the Gingival Unit and Basic Oral Hygiene (CE592)</li> <li>• Oral Hard Tissue Disease and Home Care Management (CE661)</li> <li>• Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Demineralization/Remineralization (CE372)</li> <li>• Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Diagnosis (CE373)</li> <li>• Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Epidemiology (CE368)</li> <li>• Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Erosion (CE374)</li> <li>• Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Intervention (CE376)</li> <li>• Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Prevention (CE375)</li> <li>• Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Risk Assessment (CE377)</li> <li>• Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Agent (CE369)</li> <li>• Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Environment (CE371)</li> <li>• Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Host (CE370)</li> <li>• Choosing a Toothpaste: What's the Big Deal? (CE565)</li> <li>• The Concepts of Four-Handed Dentistry Including Ergonomic Instrument Transfer and Exercises for Stress Reduction (CE643)</li> <li>• Dental Health and Dementia: More than Forgetfulness (CE566)</li> </ul>

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Chairside Assisting I (Pre-clinical Procedures) (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Ethics in Dentistry: Part I – Principles and Values (CE510)</li> <li>· Ethics in Dentistry: Part II – Codes of Ethics (CE528)</li> <li>· Ethics in Dentistry: Part III – Ethical Decision Making (CE546)</li> <li>· Hand Hygiene (CE590)</li> <li>· Introduction to Infection Prevention (CE582)</li> <li>· Oral Health Care: A Whole New Language (CE21)</li> <li>· Professional Dental Terminology for the Dental Assistant and Hygienist (CE542)</li> </ul>
Infection Control (Infection/Hazard Control)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Adjunctive and Prophylactic Use of Antibacterial Agents in Dentistry (CE475)</li> <li>· Aerosols in the Dental Office: Best Practices for Patient and Practitioner Safety (CE619)</li> <li>· Clinical Practice Guidelines for an Infection Control/Exposure Control Program in the Oral Healthcare Setting (CE342)</li> <li>· Hand Hygiene (CE590)</li> <li>· Hazard Communication Compliance (CE502)</li> <li>· Hazardous (and Universal) Waste Management (CE499)</li> <li>· HIV: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Workers (CE97)</li> <li>· Infection Control-related Administrative Policies and Work Restrictions (CE473)</li> <li>· Introduction to Infection Prevention (CE582)</li> <li>· Mandated, Highly Recommended, and Other Vaccines for Oral Healthcare Personnel Workers (CE479)</li> <li>· Personal Protective Equipment (CE483)</li> <li>· Postexposure Evaluation and Follow-up (CE472)</li> <li>· Sterilization and Disinfection of Patient-care Items in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE474)</li> <li>· What You Need to Know About the Coronavirus (COVID 19) Pandemic (CE652)</li> </ul>
<b>Semester II</b>	
Basic Sciences (Intro to Anatomy/ Physiology/ Microbiology)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Diabetes: A Multifaceted Syndrome Treatment Considerations in Dentistry (CE93)</li> <li>· Forensic Dentistry (CE401)</li> <li>· Sleep Bruxism: Myths, Misconceptions and Management Strategies (CE630)</li> <li>· The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395)</li> </ul>
Advanced Functions (Clinical Practice I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Aligning the Dental Hygiene Diagnosis with the 2018 AAP Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases (CE620)</li> <li>· Sealants: The Added Link in Prevention (CE673)</li> </ul>
Chairside II (Clinical Practice I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Aligning the Dental Hygiene Diagnosis with the 2018 AAP Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases (CE620)</li> <li>· An Evidence-based Approach to Laser Therapy around Ailing/Failing Dental Implants (CE564)</li> <li>· Anterior Resin Infiltration: A Minimally Invasive Treatment Option for Enamel Caries and Cosmetic Defects (CE634)</li> </ul>

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Chairside II (Clinical Practice I) (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Anxiety, Depression, Stress, and Oral Health (CE573)</li> <li>· Care &amp; Maintenance of Dental Restorations (CE468)</li> <li>· Child Maltreatment: The Role of a Dental Professional (CE599)</li> <li>· Community-based Dental Care: An Alternative Approach to Improve Access to Dental Providers (CE552)</li> <li>· Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Clinical Assessment in the Prevention of Peri-implant Mucositis, Peri-implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514)</li> <li>· Dental Health and Dementia: More than Forgetfulness (CE566)</li> <li>· Dentinal Hypersensitivity: A Review (CE200)</li> <li>· Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse: The Basics (CE674)</li> <li>· Infection Control-related Administrative Policies and Work Restrictions (CE473)</li> <li>· Evaluating and Establishing Ideal Smile Esthetics : Beauty is More than Skin Deep (CE649)</li> <li>· Lasers in Dentistry: Minimally Invasive Tools for the Modern Practice (CE394)</li> <li>· Management of Patients with Chronic Diseases (CE567)</li> <li>· Management of Pediatric Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE391)</li> <li>· Managing Adult Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE516)</li> <li>· Managing Dental Erosion: Current Understanding and Future Directions (CE517)</li> <li>· Medically Compromised Patient Care (CE423)</li> <li>· Oral Piercings: Implications for Dental Professionals (CE423)</li> <li>· Ortho 101 for the Dental Professional (CE413)</li> <li>· Periodontics: Oral Health and Wellness I. Understanding Periodontal Health, Recognizing Disease States and Choices in Treatment Strategies (CE50)</li> <li>· Radiographic Selection Criteria (CE584)</li> <li>· Recognizing a Human Trafficking Victim or a Perpetrator (CE600)</li> <li>· Smile Design: 7 Deadly Sins (CE642)</li> <li>· The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395)</li> <li>· Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534)</li> <li>· What to Know About Whitening (CE491)</li> <li>· How Whitening Works! (CE657)</li> </ul>
Medical Emergencies (Clinical Practice I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Diabetes: A Multifaceted Syndrome Treatment Considerations in Dentistry (CE93)</li> <li>· Geriatric Dentistry: Before You Call 911 (CE586)</li> <li>· Management of Pediatric Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE391)</li> <li>· Managing Adult Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE516)</li> <li>· Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464)</li> </ul>
Radiology (Dental Radiology)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Anomalies of Tooth Structure (CE651)</li> <li>· Basic Radiation Physics (CE570)</li> <li>· Biological Effects of Radiation (CE572)</li> <li>· Cone-Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) Applications in Dentistry (CE531)</li> </ul>

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Radiology (Dental Radiology) (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Digital Imaging in Dentistry: Intraoral, Extraoral, and 3D Technology (CE512)</li> <li>· Intraoral Imaging: Basic Principles, Techniques and Error Correction (CE559)</li> <li>· Intraoral Imaging Techniques: Beyond the Textbook (CE660)</li> <li>· Intraoral Radiographic Anatomy (CE601)</li> <li>· Panoramic Radiographs: Technique &amp; Anatomy Review (CE533)</li> <li>· Practical Panoramic Imaging (CE589)</li> <li>· Radiographic Interpretations (CE513)</li> <li>· Radiographic Selection Criteria (CE584)</li> <li>· Radiographic Techniques for the Pediatric Patient (CE63)</li> <li>· The Radiographic Image (CE571)</li> </ul>
<b>Semester III</b>	
Chairside III (Dental Specialties) (Clinical Practice II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· A Clinician's Guide to Clinical Endodontics (CE562)</li> <li>· Aging, Systemic Disease and Oral Health: Implications for Women Worldwide (Part I) (CE302)</li> <li>· Aging, Systemic Disease and Oral Health: Implications for Women Worldwide (Part II) (CE330)</li> <li>· A Humanistic Approach to Team Member Motivation (CE525)</li> <li>· Aligning the Dental Hygiene Diagnosis with the 2018 AAP Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases (CE620)</li> <li>· Alveolar Ridge Preservation and Augmentation for Optimal Implant Placement (CE626)</li> <li>· An Evidence-based Approach to Laser Therapy around Ailing/Failing Dental Implants (CE564)</li> <li>· An Introduction to Substance Use Disorders for Dental Professionals (CE545)</li> <li>· Anterior Resin Infiltration: A Minimally Invasive Treatment Option for Enamel Caries and Cosmetic Defects (CE634)</li> <li>· Basic Techniques for Management of the Infant and Toddler Patient (CE54)</li> <li>· Community-based Dental Care: An Alternative Approach to Improve Access to Dental Providers (CE552)</li> <li>· Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Preventing Peri-Implant Mucositis, Peri-Implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514)</li> <li>· Digital Dentures (CE662)</li> <li>· Enhanced Visualization in Periodontal Therapy: A Clear Picture of Better Patient Care (CE653)</li> <li>· Forensic Dentistry (CE401)</li> <li>· Full Arch Implant Prosthesis: Part I - Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (CE612)</li> <li>· Full Arch Implant Prosthesis: Part II - Fabrication Procedures (CE618)</li> <li>· Geriatric Dentistry: Before You Call 911 (CE586)</li> <li>· Hazard Communication Compliance (CE502)</li> <li>· Lasers in Dentistry: Minimally Invasive Tools for the Modern Practice (CE394)</li> <li>· Local Anesthesia in Pediatric Dentistry (CE325)</li> <li>· Management of Pediatric Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE391)</li> <li>· Non-Metal Clasp Dentures (CE650)</li> <li>· Ortho 101 for the Dental Professional (CE413)</li> <li>· Radiographic Techniques for the Pediatric Patient (CE63)</li> </ul>

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Chairside III (Dental Specialties) (Clinical Practice II) (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464)</li> <li>· Sleep Apnea Management for the Dentist (CE578)</li> <li>· Smile Design: 7 Deadly Sins (CE642)</li> <li>· Smiles For Tomorrow (CE4)</li> <li>· The 2018 AAP/EFP Classification of Periodontal &amp; Peri-implant Diseases (CE610)</li> <li>· Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534)</li> <li>· What to Know About Whitening (CE491)</li> <li>· How Whitening Works! (CE657)</li> </ul>
Preventive Dentistry (Dental Health Education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Anatomy &amp; Histology of the Gingival Unit and Basic Oral Hygiene (CE592)</li> <li>· Anxiety, Depression, Stress, and Oral Health (CE573)</li> <li>· A String Around Your Finger: Do We Really Need to Floss? (CE550)</li> <li>· The Oral Microbiome: A New View of Plaque Biofilm (CE676)</li> <li>· Bruxism: The Grind of the Matter (CE485)</li> <li>· Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Demineralization/Remineralization (CE372)</li> <li>· Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Diagnosis (CE373)</li> <li>· Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Epidemiology (CE368)</li> <li>· Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Erosion (CE374)</li> <li>· Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Intervention (CE376)</li> <li>· Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Prevention (CE375)</li> <li>· Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Risk Assessment (CE377)</li> <li>· Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Agent (CE369)</li> <li>· Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Environment (CE371)</li> <li>· Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Host (CE370)</li> <li>· Choosing a Toothpaste: What's the Big Deal? (CE565)</li> <li>· Current Concepts in Preventive Dentistry (CE334)</li> <li>· Food for Thought: The Relationship Between Oral Health and Nutrition (CE583)</li> <li>· Immunological and Inflammatory Aspects of Periodontal Disease (CE1)</li> <li>· Improving Oral Health Literacy: Teaching Primary School Students through the Lessons in a Lunch Box Program (CE456)</li> <li>· Management of Patients with Chronic Diseases (CE567)</li> <li>· Medically Compromised Patient Care (CE628)</li> <li>· Minimally Invasive Treatment of Proximal Lesions (CE627)</li> <li>· Motivational Interviewing: A Patient-Centered Approach to Elicit Positive Behavior Change (CE381)</li> <li>· Oral Hard Tissue Disease and Home Care Management (CE661)</li> <li>· Oral Health Care: A Whole New Language (CE21)</li> <li>· Prevention and Non-Surgical Treatment of Caries (CE640)</li> <li>· Re-examining the Plaque-Gingivitis Connection and the Role of Stannous Fluoride (CE579)</li> <li>· Sleep Apnea Management for the Dentist (CE578)</li> <li>· Sleep Bruxism: Myths, Misconceptions and Management Strategies (CE630)</li> </ul>

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Preventive Dentistry (Dental Health Education) (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· A-Z Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE670)</li> <li>· The Truth about Hidden Sugars: A Risk for Health (CE558)</li> <li>· Using an Evidence-based Approach to Making Patient Recommendations for Power Toothbrushes (CE648)</li> </ul>
Office Practice Management (Practice Management)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Achieving Patient-centered Care through Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (CE471)</li> <li>· Dental Records: Best Practices for Information Management and Retention (CE532)</li> <li>· Ethics in Dentistry: Part 3 – Ethical Decision Making (CE546)</li> <li>· Evidence-based Dentistry – Why do I need that? (CE625)</li> <li>· Hazardous (and Universal) Waste Management (CE499)</li> <li>· Perfect Posture Mechanics: Part I - Dentistry and Your Body (CE667)</li> <li>· Perfect Posture Mechanics: Part II - Into the Operatory (CE672)</li> <li>· Sleep Apnea Management for the Dentist (CE578)</li> <li>· The Synergistic Interplay Between Dental Sleep Medicine and General Dentistry, Should Your Practice be Concerned? Why? (CE621)</li> </ul>
Pharmacology (Dental Sciences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Adjunctive and Prophylactic Use of Antibacterial Agents in Dentistry (CE475)</li> <li>· Adverse Drug Reactions - Part I (CE536)</li> <li>· Adverse Drug Reactions - Part II (CE537)</li> <li>· Cardiovascular Drugs Our Patients Take (CE581)</li> <li>· General Principles of Pharmacology (CE580)</li> <li>· Infection Control-related Administrative Policies and Work Restrictions (CE473)</li> <li>· Local Anesthesia in Pediatric Dentistry(CE325)</li> <li>· Local Anesthetic Agents in Dentistry (CE646)</li> <li>· Methamphetamine: Implications for the Dental Team (CE332)</li> <li>· Powerful Therapeutic Spices in Medicine (CE549a)</li> <li>· Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464)</li> <li>· The Dental Professional's Role in the Opioid Crisis (CE560)</li> <li>· The Dental Professional's Role in the Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance and Adverse Antibiotic Reactions (CE614)</li> <li>· The Synergistic Interplay Between Dental Sleep Medicine and General Dentistry, Should Your Practice be Concerned? Why? (CE621)</li> <li>· Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534)</li> </ul>
Oral Pathology (Dental Sciences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Actinic Cheilosis: Etiology, Epidemiology, Clinical Manifestations, Diagnosis, and Treatment (CE400)</li> <li>· Bruxism: The Grind of the Matter (CE485)</li> </ul>