

## 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>Interpretation of Tooth Structure and Common Dental Anomalies (CE651) – <i>Coming Soon</i></li> <li>Managing Dental Erosion: Current Understanding and Future Directions (CE517)</li> <li>Oral Piercings: Implications for Dental Professionals (CE423)</li> <li>Practical Panoramic Imaging (CE589)</li> <li>Professional Dental Terminology for the Dental Assistant and Hygienist (CE542)</li> <li>The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395)</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 Non-Aerosol Caries Treatment Option: Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) (CE633)</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>Dental Implants and Esthetics (CE203)</li> <li>Flexible Partial Dentures (CE650) – <i>Coming Soon</i></li> <li>Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE410)</li> <li>Hazardous (and Universal) Waste Management (CE499)</li> <li>Prosthesis Retention and Effective Use of Denture Adhesive in Complete Denture Therapy (CE360)</li> <li>Removal of Amalgams: Is it Beneficial? (CE557)</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>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>Concepts of Four-handed Dentistry (CE643) – <i>Coming Soon</i></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>• Diagnostic Guidelines for Blood Pressure Screening Techniques (CE490)</li> <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>• Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407)</li> <li>• Introduction to Infection Prevention (CE582)</li> <li>• Oral Health and General Health – What are the Connections? (CE477)</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>• Getting Ahead of the Next Stage of the COVID-19 Crisis (CE624)</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>• Interim Dental Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for the COVID 19 Response – A New Paradigm (CE647)</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>• Putting it All Together: Practicum (CE511)</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>• Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407)</li> <li>• Oral Health and General Health – What are the Connections? (CE477)</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> <li>• The Oral Microbiome &amp; Systemic Disease (CE561)</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>• Dental Implants and Esthetics (CE203)</li> <li>• Pit &amp; Fissure Sealants: The Added Link in Preventative Dentistry (CE128)</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>• <a href="#">Anxiety, Depression, Stress, and Oral Health (CE573)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Are You a Supertaster? (CE455)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Care &amp; Maintenance of Dental Restorations (CE468)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Child Maltreatment: The Role of a Dental Professional (CE599)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Committing Your Practice to Ultimate Patient Care (CE623)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Community-based Dental Care: An Alternative Approach to Improve Access to Dental Providers (CE552)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Counseling and Treating Bad Breath Patients: A Step-By-Step Approach (CE130)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Clinical Assessment in the Prevention of Peri-implant Mucositis, Peri-implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Dental Health and Dementia: More than Forgetfulness (CE566)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Dental Implants and Esthetics (CE203)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Dentinal Hypersensitivity: A Review (CE200)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, and Elder Abuse: Know the Basics (CE593)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">From Evidence to Causality: How do We Determine Causality? (CE530)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Infection Control-related Administrative Policies and Work Restrictions (CE473)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Is Beauty in the Eye of the Beholder? Evidence-Based Ideal Smile Esthetics (CE649) – Coming Soon</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Lasers in Dentistry: Minimally Invasive Tools for the Modern Practice (CE394)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Management of Patients with Chronic Diseases (CE567)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Management of Pediatric Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE391)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Managing Adult Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE516)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Managing Dental Erosion: Current Understanding and Future Directions (CE517)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Mental Health Care in Dentistry: A Trauma Informed Approach to Suicide Prevention (CE645)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Oral Piercings: Implications for Dental Professionals (CE423)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ortho 101 for the Dental Professional (CE413)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Periodontics: Oral Health and Wellness I. Understanding Periodontal Health, Recognizing Disease States and Choices in Treatment Strategies (CE50)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Radiographic Selection Criteria (CE584)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Recognizing a Human Trafficking Victim or a Perpetrator (CE600)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Removal of Amalgams: Is It Beneficial? (CE557)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Smile Design: 7 Deadly Sins (CE642)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Oral Microbiome &amp; Systemic Disease (CE561)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Treating Patients with Autism in a Dental Setting (CE402)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Treating the Aging Baby Boomer: Looking Through the Crystal Ball (CE459)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">What to Know About Whitening (CE491)</a></li> </ul>
Medical Emergencies (Clinical Practice I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Diabetes: A Multifaceted Syndrome Treatment Considerations in Dentistry (CE93)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Geriatric Dentistry: Before You Call 911 (CE586)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Management of Pediatric Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE391)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Managing Adult Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE516)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464)</a></li> </ul>
Radiology (Dental Radiology)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Basic Radiation Physics (CE570)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Biological Effects of Radiation (CE572)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cone-Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) Applications in Dentistry (CE531)</a></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 Radiographic Anatomy (CE601)</li> <li>• Panoramic Radiographs: Technique &amp; Anatomy Review (CE533)</li> <li>• Pediatric Oral Radiology: From Radiation Safety to Common Oral Radiology Lessons in Children (CE607) – <i>Coming Soon</i></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>• Botulinum Toxin Therapeutics for Orofacial Pain and Dental Esthetics (CE555)</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>• Developing a Career in Public Health (CE478)</li> <li>• Forensic Dentistry (CE401)</li> <li>• Full Arch Implant Prostheses: Part I - Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (CE612)</li> <li>• Full Arch Implant Prostheses: Part II - Fabrication Procedures (CE618)</li> <li>• Geriatric Dentistry: Before You Call 911 (CE586)</li> <li>• Hazard Communication Compliance (CE502)</li> <li>• Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407)</li> <li>• Improving Students' Patient Care Management Using the Thinker's Guide to Clinical Reasoning (CE551)</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>• Microscopy and Endoscopy Enhanced Visualization in Periodontal Care (CE653) – <i>Coming Soon</i></li> <li>• Oral Health and General Health – What are the Connections? (CE477)</li> <li>• Ortho 101 for the Dental Professional (CE413)</li> <li>• Radiographic Techniques for the Pediatric Patient (CE63)</li> <li>• Removal of Amalgams: Is It Beneficial? (CE557)</li> </ul>

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Chairsides 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 Dry Mouth Epidemic – It's More than Medications, Aging and Degenerative Diseases (CE595)</li> <li>• The Oral Microbiome &amp; Systemic Disease (CE561)</li> <li>• The 2018 AAP/EFPP Classification of Periodontal &amp; Peri-implant Diseases (CE610)</li> <li>• Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534)</li> <li>• Treating the Aging Baby Boomer: Looking Through the Crystal Ball (CE459)</li> <li>• What to Know About Whitening (CE491)</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>• Are You a Supertaster? (CE455)</li> <li>• A String Around Your Finger: Do We Really Need to Floss? (CE550)</li> <li>• Biofilm: A New View of Plaque (CE42)</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>• Counseling and Treating Bad Breath Patients: A Step-By-Step Approach (CE130)</li> <li>• Current Concepts in Preventive Dentistry (CE334)</li> <li>• Food for Thought: The Relationship Between Oral Health and Nutrition (CE583)</li> <li>• From Evidence to Causality: How do We Determine Causality? (CE530)</li> <li>• Getting Ahead of the Next Stage of the COVID-19 Crisis (CE624)</li> <li>• How Mobile Technologies Can Change the Way We Interact with Our Patients (CE602)</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>• Marijuana and Oral Health (CE460)</li> <li>• Mental Health Care in Dentistry: A Trauma Informed Approach to Suicide Prevention (CE645)</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 Health and General Health – What are the Connections? (CE477)</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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Office Practice Management (Practice Management)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieving Patient-centered Care through Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (CE471)</li> <li>• Committing Your Practice to Ultimate Patient Care (CE623)</li> <li>• Data Protection &amp; Security for Dental Professionals (CE577)</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>• From Evidence to Causality: How do We Determine Causality? (CE530)</li> <li>• Getting Ahead of the Next Stage of the COVID-19 Crisis (CE624)</li> <li>• Hazardous (and Universal) Waste Management (CE499)</li> <li>• How Mobile Technologies Can Change the Way We Interact with Our Patients (CE602)</li> <li>• Practice in Motion: Part I (CE553)</li> <li>• Practice in Motion: Part II - 6 Components of Posture (CE554)</li> <li>• Sleep Apnea Management for the Dentist (CE578)</li> <li>• The Oral Microbiome &amp; Systemic Disease (CE561)</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 Today's Dental Practice (CE325)</li> <li>• Local Anesthetic Agents in Dentistry (CE646)</li> <li>• Marijuana and Oral Health (CE460)</li> <li>• Methamphetamine: Implications for the Dental Team (CE332)</li> <li>• Powerful Therapeutic Spices in Medicine (CE549)</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 and Nicotine Products: The Times They Are A'Changing (CE606)</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> <li>• The Oral Microbiome &amp; Systemic Disease (CE561)</li> </ul>