

Dental Assisting Program

Information Sheet - West-MEC 2011-12

Program Requirements		Detailed Information
Live in West-MEC district boundaries		
Senior students only		
Drug Screen and Background check	Completed as required during program – TBD as instructed by teacher during the course.	
Proof of legal residence	http://www.maricopa.edu/prop300/docs.php	
Participation in internship senior year		
Program Length		
One Year/680 Hours		
Grading Scale		
Grade	Percentage	All courses except CDA245
A	90-100	
B	80-89	
C	70-79	
D	60-69	Unacceptable grade to continue in Dental
Grade	Percentage	CDA245 (Internship Course)
A	93-100	
B	84-92	
C	75-83	
D	66-74	Unacceptable grade to continue in Dental
Program Location		
Communiversity at Surprise	15950 W. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, 85374	
Rio Salado at Northern	1715 W. Northern Ave., Phoenix 85021	
Class Schedule		
Monday through Thursday, 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Online program with instructors provided in the classroom for coursework and lab projects. Attendance is mandatory as directed by the National Board of Dentistry.	
Required Fees/Materials		
\$800 for lab kit, books, scrubs, lab coat	See payment schedule in the timeline.	
\$55 for drug screen (approximate)	Not completed at beginning – TBD during program	
\$69 + \$ for fingerprints* – Fingerprint Clearance Card	Paid by student later as program begins	
\$55 for lab shoes (approximate)	Purchased by student	
English 101 (\$213) Biology 156 or 160 (\$284 + lab fees) <i>Dual Enrollment fees and/or college tuition is paid by the student to the appropriate educational institution.</i>	Requirements for English and Biology must be completed by the end of the dental program. Students must ensure courses taken match Rio Salado requirements in order to earn credit. See counselor to see if you qualify for AP/Honors or dual enrollment. CLEP/Dantes coursework may apply.	
Industry Certification		
Certificate in Dental Assisting \$795.00 total for all exams	ICE, RHS, DANB GC, AZRAD, AZCP Payments are made by students directly to accrediting body throughout the program. Refer to the program payment timeline.	
Testing Information	danb.org	
Credits Issued by West-MEC		
High School – 4.0 elective credits		
College – 31 credits in partnership with Rio Salado Community College	Includes English 101 and Biology 156/160 Fall Semester Block I - High School Credit 1 CDA105 Introduction to Clinical Dental Assisting and Dental Office Management CDA110 Infection Control and Hazard Communication CDA115 Dental Anatomy and Pathology HCC130AD Communication and Teamwork in Health Care Organizations	

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	<p>Fall Semester Block II - High School Credit 1 CDA120 Dental Practice Emergencies and Patient Management CDA125 Dental Materials HCC109 CPR for the Health Care Provider</p> <p>Spring Semester Block III - High School Credit 1 (Block 3 & 4 combined) CDA240 Dental Radiographic Imaging</p> <p>Spring Semester Block IV - High School Credit 1 (Block 3 & 4 combined) CDA242 Clinical Dental Assisting I: Basic Skills PRACTICUM</p> <p>Spring Semester Block V & VI - High School Credit 0.5 (Block 5 & 6 combined) CDA245 Fundamentals of Basic Clinical Skills CDA252 Clinical Dental Assisting II: Advanced Skills CDA285 Clinical Dental Assisting Seminar CDA292 Dental Specialties</p>
MANDATORY Program Orientation (All accepted students and their parents must attend one of these orientations)	
Cactus High School 6330 W. Greenway Road Glendale, Az. 85306 Monday , May 9, 2011 6-7:30pm	Valley Vista High School 15550 N. Parkview Place Surprise, Az. 85335 Wednesday, May 11, 2011 6-7:30 pm
Career Opportunities	
Pathway towards Dental Hygienist, Dental Administration or Dentist	
Starting Salary Range	
\$7.00 - \$12.00 out of school, no certification; \$13.00 - \$15.00 with certification	All 5 certification exams must be taken and passed
Program Payment Timeline	
March 29, 2011- April 1, 2011	First payment of \$150 (non-refundable) and complete registration packets are due to West-MEC.
May 15, 2011	Second payment of \$325 (non-refundable) due to West-MEC.
July 15, 2011	Third payment of \$325 (non-refundable) due to West-MEC.
October 2011	Non-refundable \$150 paid by student to accrediting body for Ice dental exam
February 2011	Non-refundable \$150 paid by student to accrediting body for RHS dental exam
June 2012	Non-refundable \$175*paid by student to accrediting body for GC exam. Non-refundable \$140*paid by student to accrediting body for AZ CL. Non-refundable \$180*paid by student to accrediting body for AZCP.
Clarification of Certification Exams	DANB – Dental Assisting National Board (consists of three tests): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICE – Infection Control Procedures - RHS – Radiation Health & Safety - GC – General Chair side AZ CP - Coronal Polishing AZ RAD – Radiation Proficiency