

# Dental Assisting Program

in partnership with Rio Salado Community College  
 Program Information Sheet - West-MEC 2011-12

Program Requirements		Detailed Information
Live in West-MEC district boundaries	Exhibits a strong interest in the career pathway & good attendance history	
Senior students only (who turn 18 years old)	Students must turn 18 years of age before or on May 18, 2012.	
Pass a reading assessment exam: AIMS Reading score must be 708 or higher OR any of the options to the right:  <b>Note:</b> Submit reading test results with application.	Students must pass one of community college reading exams at the Rio Salado Community College Testing Center (480)517-8552 or <a href="mailto:detesting@riosalado.edu">detesting@riosalado.edu</a>  Accuplacer (62 or higher)  Asset (36 or higher)  Compass (70 or higher)	
Drug Screen and Background check	Completed as required during program – TBD as instructed by teacher during the course.	
Proof of legal residence & immunization	<a href="http://www.maricopa.edu/prop300/docs.php">http://www.maricopa.edu/prop300/docs.php</a>	
Participation in internship senior year	Students must 18 years old to participate in the internship practicum.	
Program Length		
One Year/680 Hours		
Grading Policies		
Grade scale for all courses except CDA290:	<b>Percentage</b>	Students must complete ALL assignments to receive a passing grade. In addition, students must earn at least a 70% on course exams. If a student fails an exam (below 70%), the student will be removed from the program.
A	90-100	
B	80-89	
C	70-79	
D	60-69 (students removed from program)	
Grade scale for CDA290 (Internship):	<b>Percentage</b>	An integral part of the program includes an internship experiences; students will complete 200 hours with a partnering dental office. If a student fails to report for their assigned internship, the student will be removed from the program.
A	93-100	
B	84-92	
C	75-83	
D	66-74 (students removed from program)	
Program Location		
Rio Salado at Community (Surprise)	15950 W. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, 85374	
Rio Salado at Northern Campus	1715 W. Northern Ave., Phoenix 85021	
	Transportation is provided by the student/parent	
Class Schedule		
Monday through Thursday, 1:00pm – 5:00pm	This is an online, independent learning program with a Rio Salado facilitator in the lab for coursework and lab projects. Daily attendance is required.	
Required Fees/Materials (see payment schedule in the timeline)		
\$1,170 includes course fees, lab kit, books, scrubs and lab coat		
\$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 (optional) Biology 156 + lab fees (optional)	Requirements for English and Biology must be completed by the end of the dental program for students interested in receiving the ADA accreditation. Students must ensure courses taken match Rio Salado requirements in order to earn credit. The student/parent pays registration costs for English & Biology courses to the college.	
Industry Certification		
Certificate in Dental Assisting \$655.00 total for all exams	ICE, RHS, DANB GC and AZCP Payments are made by students directly to Dental Assisting National Board throughout the program. Refer to the program payment timeline.	
Testing Information	<a href="http://danb.org">danb.org</a>	

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<b>Credits Issued by West-MEC</b>	
High School – 3.5 elective credits (An additional .5 intern credit is earned during the summer)	
College – 24 credits in partnership with Rio Salado Community College	<p><b>Fall Semester Block I - High School Credit 0.5</b> CDA101 Orientation to Clinical Dental Assisting CDA102 Introduction to Dental Office Management CDA110 Infection Control and Hazard Communication CDA115 Dental Anatomy and Pathology HCC130AD Communication and Teamwork in Health Care Organizations</p> <p><b>Fall Semester Block II - High School Credit 1</b> CDA120 Dental Practice Emergencies and Patient Management *CDA125 Dental Materials HCC109 CPR for the Health Care Provider</p> <p><b>Spring Semester Block III - High School Credit 1 (Block 3 &amp; 4 combined)</b> *CDA220 Clinical Dental Assisting I *CDA230 Clinical Dental Assisting II</p> <p><b>Spring Semester Block IV- High School Credit 1 (Block 3 &amp; 4 combined)</b> *CDA240 Dental Radiographic Imaging</p> <p><b>**Spring/Summer Semester Block V &amp; VI - High School Credit 0.5 (Block 5 &amp; 6 combined)</b> CDA280 Clinical Dental Assistant Practicum CDA290 Internship for Clinical Dental Assistants</p> <p>(* High rigor coursework) (** .5 credit issued in summer (upon completing the internship) for Block V &amp; VI) (Students have the opportunity to earn 7 additional credits by completing English 101 and Biology 156 on their own time for additional registration costs.)</p>
<b>MANDATORY Program Orientation ( All accepted students and their parents must attend one of these orientations)</b>	
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
<b>Career Opportunities</b>	
Pathway towards Dental Hygienist, Dental Administration or Dentist	
<b>Starting Salary Range</b>	
\$7.00 - \$12.00 out of school, no certification \$13.00 - \$15.00 with certification (All 5 certification exams must be taken and passed)	
<b>Program Payment Timeline</b>	
March 29, 2011- April 1, 2011	<b>First payment of \$150</b> (non-refundable) and complete registration packets are due to West-MEC.
May 15, 2011	<b>Second payment of \$340</b> (non-refundable) due to West-MEC.
July 15, 2011	<b>Third payment of \$340</b> (non-refundable) due to West-MEC.
September 15, 2011	<b>Fourth payment of \$340</b> (non-refundable) due to West-MEC.
October 2011	Non-refundable \$150 paid by student to accrediting body for Ice dental exam
June 2012	Non-refundable \$175*paid by student to accrediting body for GC exam. Non-refundable \$180*paid by student to accrediting body for AZCP.
Clarification of Certification Exams	<p>DANB – Dental Assisting National Board (consists of three tests):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ICE – Infection Control Procedures</li> <li>- RHS – Radiation Health &amp; Safety</li> <li>- GC – General Chair side</li> </ul> <p>AZ CP – Coronal Polishing AZ RAD – Radiation Proficiency</p>