

# Dental Assisting Technology Program

in partnership with Rio Salado College

## Program Information Sheet - West-MEC 2012-13

Program Requirements		Detailed Information
Live in the West-MEC district boundaries	Exhibit a strong interest in the career pathway & good attendance history	
Senior students only (who turn 18 years old)	Applicants must have been born on or before March 18, 1995.	
Pass a reading assessment exam: AIMS Reading score must be 720 or higher OR any of the options to the right:  <b>Note:</b> Submit reading test results with application.	Student 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 (74 or higher)  Asset (42 or higher)  Compass (83 or higher)	
Drug screen and Background check	Completed as required during program – TBD as instructed during the course.	
Proof of citizenship and legal residency	<a href="http://www.maricopa.edu/prop300/docs.php">http://www.maricopa.edu/prop300/docs.php</a>	
Copy of current immunization record		
Participate in internship senior year	Student must be 18 years old to participate in the internship practicum.	
Complete the application process	Application process includes submitting unofficial transcripts.	
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 <b>will be removed from the program.</b>
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 experience; students will complete 200 hours with a partnering dental office. If a student fails to report for their assigned internship, the student <b>will be removed from the program.</b>
A	93% - 100%	
B	84% - 92%	
C	75% - 83%	
D	66% - 74% (students removed from program)	
Program Location		
Rio Salado at Communiversity (Surprise)	15950 W. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, 85374	
Rio Salado at Northern	1715 W. Northern Ave., Phoenix 85021	
	Transportation is provided by the student/parent	
Class Schedule		
Monday through Thursday, 1:30pm – 5:30pm	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 (approximate)	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 program for students interested in transitioning to the Rio Salado CODA accredited program. 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.	

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<b>Industry Certification</b> ( <a href="http://www.danb.org">www.danb.org</a> ) * fees subject to change	
<p>Arizona Minimum Requirement \$175 for exam</p> <p>Arizona Expanded Function Certification; Coronal Polishing (optional) \$215 for exam</p> <p>Certified Dental Assistant \$375 total for all remaining exams (*RHS previously completed)</p> <p>\$765 total for ALL exams</p>	<p>*RHS with Arizona Radiologic Proficiency Certificate</p> <p>CPEAR</p> <p>ICE, *RHS, DANB GC</p> <p>Payments are made by student directly to Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) throughout the program. Refer to the DANB website for requirements and payment timelines.</p>
Testing Information	<a href="http://www.danb.org/exams/examinfo.asp">http://www.danb.org/exams/examinfo.asp</a>
<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 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</b> (Block 3 &amp; 4 combined)                      *CDA220 Clinical Dental Assisting I                      *CDA230 Clinical Dental Assisting II</p> <p><b>Spring Semester Block IV- High School Credit 1</b> (Block 3 &amp; 4 combined)                      *CDA240 Dental Radiographic Imaging</p> <p><b>**Spring/Summer Semester Block V &amp; VI - High School Credit 0.5</b> (Block 5 &amp; 6 combined)                      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. Completion of these courses allows interested students to transfer their credits into the Rio Salado CODA accredited program.)</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 7, 2012 6-7:30pm	Valley Vista High School 15550 N. Parkview Place Surprise, Az. 85335 Thursday, May 17, 2012 6-7:30 pm

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<b>Career Opportunities</b>
Pathway towards Dental Hygienist, Dental Administration or Dentist
<b>Starting Salary Range</b>
\$7.00 - \$12.00 upon completion of program, without Certified Dental Assistant credential \$13.00 - \$15.00 with Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) credential (student must transition to Rio Salado CODA accredited program or complete 3500 work hours in order to be considered eligible to sit for this certification examination that will lead to the CDA credential)

<b>Program Payment Timeline</b>	
<b>April 10, 2012- April 12, 2012</b>	<b>First payments of \$300.00 (\$150 non-refundable) with complete registration packets are due to West-MEC.</b>
May 1, 2012	<b>Second payment of \$300</b> (non-refundable) due to West-MEC.
June 4, 2012	<b>Third payment of \$300</b> (non-refundable) due to West-MEC.
July 2, 2012	<b>Fourth payment of \$270.00</b> (non-refundable) due to West-MEC.
October 2012	Non-refundable \$175 paid by student to accrediting body for ICE (infection control) exam.
June 2013	Non-refundable \$175 paid by student to accrediting body for RHS (radiation health and safety) exam. Non-refundable \$215 paid by student to accrediting body for CPEAR (coronal polishing for Arizona residents) (optional)
**TBD	Non-refundable \$200 paid by student to accrediting body for GC (general chairside) exam.
Clarification of Certification Exams	DANB – Dental Assisting National Board Certified Dental Assistant Credential (consists of three tests): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ICE – Infection Control Procedures</li> <li>- RHS – Radiation Health &amp; Safety (minimum requirement in Arizona)</li> <li>- **GC – General Chairside (eligible after completion of Rio Salado CODA accredited program or 3500 work hours <a href="http://www.danb.org/PDFs/CDAApplication.pdf">http://www.danb.org/PDFs/CDAApplication.pdf</a>)</li> </ul> CPEAR – Coronal Polishing Exam for Arizona Residents (optional expanded function certification in Arizona)