

Dental Assisting

Career Degree (Wallace Linkage)

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Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be prepared to function as Dental Assistants in dental offices, hospitals, and clinics. A dental assistant assists with the direct care of patients under the supervision of a dentist. STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THE PROGRAM MAY DO SO FOR EITHER A CERTIFICATE PROGRAM OR AN ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM. Either approach enables the student to qualify to take the National Certification Examination administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. Students are required to complete the program within two years of entry into the program. See program webpage for accreditation information.

General Required Courses to be completed at Northwest- Shoals Community College.

Entering students are required to complete ORI 107. Transfer students are exempt from this requirement.

Students must complete specialized courses at Wallace State to receive this degree or certificate. Wallace State enrolls students in this program competitively and only in certain terms. See your advisor. WSCC Program Director: Barbara Ebert 256.352.8380

Program: [Allied Health Linkage Programs](#)

Required Courses

ENG 101, MTH 116, PSY 200 and SPH 107 required for certificate program.

Item #	Title	Credits
CIS 146	Microcomputer Applications	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
MTH 116	Mathematical Applications	3
PSY 200	General Psychology	3
SPH 107	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
	WL Humanities and Fine Arts Elective	3
BIO 103	Principles of Biology I	4
	Minimum Credit Hours for Graduation:	22