

DENTAL ASSISTANT (30-508-2)

Admission Requirements

CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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START DATE: August and January **LENGTH OF PROGRAM:** Technical Diploma – Less Than One Year

- The Dental Assistant program is designed to give students the fundamental knowledge and basic skills needed to assist the dentist chair-side in four-handed dentistry, apply skills in the dental laboratory and in the business activities of the dental office. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for the certification examination of the Dental Assistant National Board after completing two years of work experience.

STEPS FOR ADMISSION:

- Applicants who satisfy all items in Phase I will be accepted to the college and assigned “pre-program” admissions status as follows:
 - Those who have not completed all items in Phase II may satisfy these requirements while taking general education classes under the pre-program status.
 - Those who *have* completed all the items in Phase II are eligible for the core courses of their program of choice. If there is a waiting list for the program core courses, they may enroll in general education and/or elective classes while maintaining their pre-program admissions status.
- Students with pre-program status may not register for Dental Assistant courses (508 numbered).

Phase I:

1. Submit [Application for Admission](#)
2. **\$30 application processing fee – this must be paid *at time of application***
3. **Education Requirement*: Applicants who did not graduate from high school, are not currently high school seniors, and did not receive an HSED or GED diploma must complete the following:**
A COMPASS pre-entry Ability to Benefit assessment:
 - Achieve scores of at least 25 in math, 62 in reading, and 32 in writing, and
 - Complete a counseling session with a counselor.

***Note:** If you have an international diploma or degree, additional admission requirements may apply.
4. **COMPASS Pre-entry Assessment:** The COMPASS is an un-timed, computerized test of **reading** and **math**.
 - Applicants must achieve a minimum score of **80 on Reading** and **45 on Pre-Algebra** (refer to item No. 6 in Phase II if you do not meet the minimum).
 - **To schedule a testing appointment:** For more information and to schedule a COMPASS appointment, visit our website: <http://www.cvtc.edu/pages/198.asp> . **Testing Fee: \$20.**
If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Assessment Center at 1-800-547-2882 or 715-833-6200.
 - **Substitutions of the COMPASS** will be made for those that can provide proof of one of the following:
 - ~ **ACT:** Applicants must achieve minimum scores of **18 in Reading** and **17 in Math** on the ACT. If any ACT score does not meet the minimums, applicants will need to take the COMPASS pre-entry assessment. ACT scores that meet minimum requirements may be used in combination with COMPASS scores to satisfy the assessment requirement.
 - ~ **Associate Degree, Bachelor’s Degree or higher:** A transcript is required showing proof of this degree.
5. **Submit the Background Information Disclosure Form, the Wisconsin Criminal History Single Name Record Request Form, and an \$18.00 background processing fee.** Forms are available on the web at <http://www.cvtc.edu/pages/298.asp> or can be supplied to the student by CVTC.
Note: Your forms along with the processed criminal history record request are considered current for four years. If you are still enrolled as a student or re-enter CVTC after the four-year expiration date, you will be required to submit a new set of forms and another criminal record request processing fee.

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Phase II:

6. **COMPASS scores below the minimum levels:** Students who score below the minimum level on the **Reading** and/or **Pre-Algebra** section of the COMPASS will be required to meet with a program counselor to develop a Remediation Plan which may include specific course work. "Pre-program" admissions status will be maintained while completing remediation.

Phase III – Core Course Eligibility: Applicants who meet all requirements in **Phase I** and **II** will be accepted or placed on a waiting list as of the date all documentation is received.

7. **Core Course Eligibility Form:**

Applicants completing remedial coursework for the COMPASS assessment must submit a completed *Core Course Eligibility Form* (CCE Form) to the Admissions Office after ALL remedial work is completed and grades for remedial courses have been processed (see below).

- Prior to the end of each term you will be notified through student email of the CCE Form submission date for that term. You are also encouraged to check with the Admissions Office prior to the end of the term in which you are completing your remedial coursework for the exact CCE Form submission date.
- The **Core Course Eligibility Form** is available online at: <http://www.cvtc.edu/pages/300.asp>, from the Admissions Office in Eau Claire, as well as all other district campus locations.
- On the form you will indicate your desired semester and year for entry into the Dental Assistant core courses.
- *Students completing remedial coursework will be accepted or placed on a waiting list only when the Core Course Eligibility Form is on file.*

Phase IV: Additional Items Required Prior to Core Course Entry:

- **A pre-entrance health history and physical examination, dental exam and prophylaxis, and dental office visit/interview forms** must be on file three weeks prior to entering the core courses of the Dental Assistant program (508 numbered courses). The Admissions Office will notify you at the appropriate time with a specified deadline.
- **Proof of current CPR certification** by the American Heart Association – *Healthcare Provider* level or the American Red Cross – *Professional Rescuer* level is required of students before entering the clinical courses for this program. Your instructor will ask for a copy of your card on the first day of your clinical courses.
- **Applicants must attend a required orientation session** prior to entering the core courses (508's). An invitation will be mailed to you at the appropriate time.

Notes:

- ▶ **Financial Aid:** This program is not eligible for financial aid consideration. However, students may be eligible for an alternative student loan. Information regarding alternative loans is available at the following link: <http://www.cvtc.edu/pages/322.asp>.
- ▶ **Transfer Credit:** Applicants with postsecondary credits should submit an official transcript to the Admissions Office for evaluation and possible transfer credit.

Admissions requirements are subject to change without notice.