Expanded Functions Dental Assisting, AAS
School of Health Professions

Program Description

The Expanded Functions Dental Assisting (EFDA) provides students with training in advanced skills recognized by the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry as legal functions for the Expanded Functions Dental Assistant. Graduates of the EFDA program are qualified to take the Pennsylvania Certification Exam for EFDA.

The program includes lab experience in the college campus facility and clinical experience in a dental office. Students are responsible to secure a clinical site to complete the clinical portion of the curriculum.

Special Admission and Selection Criteria

Admission to the EFDA program is highly competitive and enrollment is limited. Specific criteria for admission and selection are listed below. Each applicant must meet one of the following:

- Applicants must hold a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) credential or a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) license
- Applicants may be currently enrolled in an accredited Dental Assisting program and pass the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) prior to the start of the semester
- Applicants may apply without a CDA credential after three years of clinical experience. All applicants applying without a CDA credential must have a letter verifying three years recent chairside dental assisting experience including dates and hours from the employing dentist.

Applicants selected for admission must submit satisfactory results from pre-entrance medical examination and immunization obtained at the candidate's expense. Specific information regarding the examination will be provided to students upon acceptance.

Application Process for Health Profession Programs

- Complete and submit an Application for Admission to Westmoreland County Community College.
- Complete and submit an application for the specific Health Profession Program (Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Expanded Functions Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Nursing*, Phlebotomy/Specimen Processing*, Surgical Technology or Radiology).
- Submit all required documents to the Admissions Office by the deadline.
- Submit official transcript from all secondary schools attended, graduate equivalency degree (GED) programs and any other formal educational program beyond high school.

For Fall Start:

Application Deadline – January 12 prior to Fall start
Acceptance Notification – Mid-March.

Final Admission Criteria

Students accepted into the School of Health Professions including Nursing, Dental Programs, Radiology, Sonography, Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, Surgical Technology and Specimen Processing are required to have a health clearance, criminal background check, child abuse history and drug screening at the student's expense.

The Program Director of each Health Profession Program gives the accepted student directions for setting up a password-secure Castle Branch Account.

Castle Branch is the background screening and compliance tracking company, which provides Westmoreland County Community College Health Profession Programs with student background screening services.

Castle Branch background screening and compliance management includes:

- Background Checks (FBI Fingerprint Check, Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearances)
- Urine Drug Screen
- Immunization and Record Tracking
- Houses Tuberculosis screening results
- CPR Training Documentation
- Liability Insurance (if applicable for program)
- Houses the results of the Required Health Physical.

Final admission is conditional pending:

- Receipt of Urine Drug Screen to determine if there are any substances that will prevent the applicant from participating in clinical experiences or bar entry into Health Profession Programs.
- Receipt and evaluation of Criminal Background Check to determine if there is any conviction that may bar the applicant from entering the Health Profession Programs.
- Receipt of proof of vaccinations including, but not limited to, MMR, Varicella, Tdap, HepB, Flu, and COVID-19 that are necessary to participate in clinical experiences.
- Receipt of Child Abuse History to determine if there is any conviction that may bar the applicant from entering the Health Profession Programs.

Essential Cognitive, Physical and Behavioral Functions

The Westmoreland County Community College Health Profession Programs including Nursing, Dental Programs, Radiology, Sonography, Medical Assisting, Surgical Technology, Phlebotomy and Specimen Processing require

that students meet certain functional abilities essential to each program. A detailed list is available in each program's handbook.

Please be aware that based on ongoing changes occurring in the dental profession, it may be necessary to modify courses listed in this catalog to meet changing practice competencies.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Provide safe and competent services to dental patients including placing and removing rubber dams, matrices and wedges; applying cavity liners and bases; placing, condensing, carving and contouring amalgam restorations; placing and finishing composite resin restorations; placing sealants; coronal polishing and fluoride restorations.
- Demonstrate understanding of dental technologies and proper use/ care of dental devices and equipment.
- Demonstrate commitment to lifelong learning and professional advancement in the healthcare delivery system.
- Demonstrate professionalism in all aspects of dental practice including appearance, communication and behaviors.

Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr	Term Offered	Prereq(s)	Options Available
1st Fall	1	PDV 101	First Year Seminar	1	F, Sp, Su		
	2	DAS 100	Intro to Dental Assisting	4	F		
	3	DAS 101	Oral Anatomy	2	F		
	4	DAS 102	Dental Material for Dental Assisting	2	F		
	5	DAS 103	Dental Assisting Lab	4	F		
	6	DAS 105	Dental Rad for Dental Assisting	3	F		
	7	BIO 107	Human Biology	3	F, Sp, Su		BIO 171 & 172
1st Spring	8	DAS 104	Dental Science	4	Sp	DAS 100, 101,102, 103, 105	
	9	DAS 106	CLN Dental Assisting I	5	Sp	Corequisite DAS 104	
	10	ENG 161	College Writing	3	F, Sp, Su	ENG 085 or Placement	
	11	PSY 160	General Psychology	3	F, Sp, Su		
1st Summer	12	DAS 108	CLN Dental Assisting II	4	Su	DAS 104, 106	
	13	DAS 109	Practice Management	2	Su	DAS 104, 106	
	14	SPC 156	Interpersonal Communication	3	F, Sp, Su		
2nd Fall	15	DAE 101	EFDA I	6	F	DAS 108, 109	
	16	CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3	F, Sp, Su		
	17	ENG 163	Business Communication	3	F, Sp, Su	ENG 161	
2nd Spring	18	DAE 102	EFDA II	3	Sp	DAE 101	
	19	BUS 120	Mathematics of Business	3	F, Sp, Su	MTH 050, 050A or Placement	MTH 157 or MTH 161

Total Program Credits   61