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2017 - 2018 Catalog

SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS

PROGRAM INFORMATION GUIDE

FOR

DENTAL ASSISTING

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS-DNTA)

AND

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (C2-DNTC)

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If applicable to the program, to qualify for Specialized Admissions, applicants/students must satisfy all of the following: General Requirements, meet minimum TSI scores, Mandatory courses, and Pre-Program Specifics. Once all requirements are completed, ranking points are derived from the most recent TSI scores and most recent G.P.A of ranking courses. Applicants who complete all ranking courses may be more competitive for admission into their program of choice.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for Specialized Admissions must satisfy minimum criteria in order to be eligible for ranking. The following is required of all applicants:

➤ Submit all previous college/university official transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required) prior to ranking
➤ Must have a High School Diploma or GED. Submit official transcripts to:
  El Paso Community College Admissions Office
  P.O. Box 20500, El Paso, Texas 79998
➤ Must be fully accepted by EPCC as an academic credit student.
➤ Must have successfully completed the TSI Assessment Tests.
➤ Attend a Health Careers Orientation Session or complete it online at: http://www.epcc.edu/HCO/Pages/default.aspx
➤ Submit Specialized Admissions Application form and pay $ 10.00 fee.
➤ All academic and specialized courses listed on the degree plan must be completed with a “C” or better.
➤ EPCC Cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required.
➤ "Effective Fall 2011, and based on new federal regulations, students are not allowed to repeat previously passed courses more than once." Students should meet with a counselor to determine how a repeat course(s) may impact his/her academic, prerequisite, specialized admissions or transferability of courses. It is the student's responsibility to check with the Office of Student Financial Services to inquire how a repeat course(s) may impact their financial aid or veteran's assistance.
The Texas State Legislature mandates that institutions assess all entering undergraduate students for readiness to enroll into college-level coursework in the academic areas of Essay, Reading, Math, and Writing Assessment Tests, and to provide individualized developmental education programs to those students not demonstrating this readiness. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) requires the reporting of developmental progression and outcome of all students engaged in developmental education. Refer to EPCC Catalog or see your counselor for more information.

Minimum required TSI Assessment scores for Dental Assisting Program:

- Math (PTSM), 350
- Reading (PTSR), 351
- Writing (PTSW), 363
- Essay (PTSE), 6

- Official TSI Assessment scores are valid for five (5) years and only the most recent test score will be the one used for qualifying and ranking.
- Official TSI Assessment scores must contain all four (4) subject areas (Essay, Math, Reading, and Writing).
- Posting of TSI Assessment scores will take between 24 to 48 hours. TSI Assessment Tests must be completed at least 48 hours prior to ranking date.

NOTE: Minimum required TSI Assessment scores and/or Program Specific Criteria may be adjusted if a secondary ranking is necessary to fulfill enrollment requirements

There are no pre-program specific requirements for this program before ranking
This program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. See current EPCC catalog for contact information.

Check 2017-2018 El Paso Community College Catalog for Prerequisites

### DNTA AAS DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

#### FIRST YEAR

**First Semester**
- DNTA 1245 Preventive Dentistry
- DNTA 1301 Dental Materials
- DNTA 1305 Dental Radiology
- DNTA 1311 Dental Science
- DNTA 1315 Chairside Assisting
- DNTA 1353 Dental Assisting Applications

**Second Semester**
- DNTA 1202 Communication and Behavior in the Dental Office
- DNTA 1447 Advanced Dental Science
- DNTA 2252 Advanced Dental Radiology
- DNTA 2350 Advanced Dental Assisting Applications
- DNTA 2360 Clinical-Dental Assisting/Assistant I

**Summer Session**
- DNTA 1251 Dental Office Management
- DNTA 2230 Seminar for the Dental Assistant
- DNTA 2363 Clinical-Dental Assisting/Assistant II
- ENGL 1301 Expository English Composition

#### SECOND YEAR

**First Semester**
- BIOL 1306 General Biology-Science Majors I  AND
- BIOL 1106 General Biology-Science Majors I Laboratory  OR
- BIOL 1308 Introductory Biology  AND
- BIOL 1108 Introductory Biology Laboratory
- COSC 1301 Introduction to Computers and Information Sciences  OR
- ITSC 1301 Introduction to Computers
- MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning)

**Second Semester**
- ENGL 2341 Introduction to Literature
- PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology  OR
- PSYC 2314 Human Growth and Development  OR
- PSYC 2316 Psychology of Personality
- SPCH 1315 Fundamentals of Effective Speech  OR
- SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication  OR
- SPCH 1321 Organizational and Professional Communication

### DNTA CERTIFICATE PROGRAM COURSES

#### FIRST YEAR

**First Semester**
- DNTA 1245 Preventive Dentistry
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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Official Ranking Date: June 1, 2017
- Program Begins - Fall Semester
- Maximum Students Admitted: 10 Students
- HIPAA online at: [http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx)
- Health Careers Orientation online at: [http://www.epcc.edu/HCO/pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/HCO/pages/default.aspx)
- Online additional program-specific and career information: [http://www.epcc.edu/healthprogram](http://www.epcc.edu/healthprogram)
Effective January 1, 2012, a Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination is required for all entering students under the age of 22. The term “entering” students includes new students to EPCC, transfer students, and returning students. Students must provide proof of an initial meningitis immunization or booster to Admissions and Registration Department at any campus. The meningitis immunization must be administered at least 10 days before the start of the semester and must have been administered within the last five years. Visit Admissions and Registration EPCC web page for additional information. (http://www.epcc.edu/Registration/Pages/default.aspx).  

NOTE: After vaccination is administered, you must wait 4-6 weeks for immunity to show up on the TITER.

POST-SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS

Students are responsible for the following requirements AFTER accepting a seat in the program.

- Must file a degree plan with Program Counselor.
- Background Check must be completed by each student prior to enrollment in clinical courses. The student will not be able to go to the clinical areas/health care facilities until cleared. For further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator. Website: http://www.elpasoex.com. You will receive a letter from the Dean, Health Career & Technical Education Math & Science division after the background check is reviewed. ***NOTE: A background check must be repeated at student’s expense if the student is not enrolled in a health-related program for one or more semesters.

Background checks are done prior to acceptance into most health programs or courses. Students are responsible for the costs. Currently, the approved vendor for El Paso Community College is American Databank. Only background checks from American Databank are accepted. (www.elpasoex.com). There are two Levels of background checks: Level I includes all students and includes: (1) Social Security Number Verification, (2) Criminal Search 7 years minimum or up to 5 criminal searches, (3) Violent Sexual Offender and Predator Registry Search, (4) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) List of Excluded Individuals/Entities, (5) GSA List of Parties Excluded from Federal Programs (6) U.S. Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), List of Specially Designated Nationals (SDN), and (7) State Exclusion List. Level II is for students already licensed or certified in any area. Level II requires all of the Level 1 elements plus (1) License Verification, (2) Certification Verification, and (3) Employment Verification, including reason for separation and eligibility for re-hire.

A positive criminal history will require proof of the official case disposition for clearance. Generally, disqualifying criminal offenses include but are not limited to (1) any felony conviction within the last 10 years or two or more misdemeanors in crimes against persons or families such as homicide, kidnapping, rape, sexual assault, assault, battery, aggravated robbery, theft, any misdemeanor or felony conviction involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation against a child, vulnerable adult, or disabled individual, and felonies or 2 misdemeanors involving manufacture, importation, delivery, or possession of controlled substances, including felony conviction of DWI or two misdemeanor DWI convictions. Deferred adjudication for any felony is also a disqualifying event for enrolling into this Health Program.

Please note that many professional licensure or certification agencies may have additional requirements. You should reference the requirements for each agency.

- Current CPR Certification at the Professional Level (must be from American Heart Association-Healthcare Provider ONLY). Must include AED. (Online CPR courses are not acceptable).
- Community Wide Orientation (Renewable every year). (online at: http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/).
- Health Care Insurance (Evidence). may be required
- HIPAA TRAINING (Renewable every year). (online at: http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx).
- Immunizations and Titer - The following must be completed:
  - POSITIVE TITER required for Hepatitis B vaccination series of 3 and Titer (can take 4-6 months to complete) if a student has started the Hepatitis B series by ranking deadline (June 1), he/she may be cleared for ranking or registration with the understanding that the series must be completed in a timely manner prior to starting clinical courses. Documentation of starting the series must be on file.
  - Tuberculosis Screening and/or testing (completed) (done annually), or chest x-rays and questionnaire (annual).
  - POSITIVE TITER required for each 2 doses - Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccinations (MMR) (completed) and Titer.
  - POSITIVE TITER required for each 2 doses- Varicella Vaccination and Titer (completed).
  - Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) (completed).
  - Influenza is required (or completed declination form) (NOTE: If declined, will have to wear a mask in clinical) (done annually).
  - Meningitis or booster

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Liability Insurance (Professional Practice Insurance) is required for all clinical and selected laboratory courses. This is paid upon enrollment. Proof of payment (your registration receipt) must be provided to the instructor.

Physical Exam (current) completed by a Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant licensed in the United States. [Link](http://www.epcc.edu/InstructonalPrograms/Documents/Report%20of%20Health%20Evaluation.pdf).


Program Orientation

Specialized Equipment and/or Lab Supplies must be purchased at student's own expense in accordance with course syllabi.

Substance Abuse Screening will be required for each student enrolling in health career programs with clinical components. For further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator. ***NOTE: Substance abuse screening may not be completed more than three (3) months prior to the first clinical education course. *** Web site: [http://www.elpasoex.com](http://www.elpasoex.com).

Uniforms must be purchased at student's own expense. Detailed information will be provided by the Program Coordinator.

Transportation: Students are responsible for their own transportation to off-campus clinical/learning sites.

Textbooks and other course materials must be purchased at student's expense in accordance with course syllabi.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC MATERIAL SHOULD BE TURNED IN AS SOON AS COMPLETED TO: PROGRAM SPECIFIC MATERIAL SHOULD BE TURNED IN AS SOON AS COMPLETED TO: Lourdes Garduno/DNTA Program Coordinator, RG Campus, Room H-231, Telephone # (915) 831-4048.

OTHER INFORMATION

CPR and First Aid Courses are available through the EPCC Continuing Education Division. Please see the current Continuing Education Course Schedule or call 915-831-4116 for more information.

Immunizations, physical examinations, and other health care services are available through the El Paso Community College Rio Grande Border Health Clinic located at the Rio Grande Campus.

Call 915-831-4016 for appointments for the nursing clinic (immunizations and physical examinations).

Call 915-831-4017 for appointments for the dental, medical sonography, or physical therapy clinics.

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