



## **Dental Assisting (Levels I and II)**

School of Health Sciences

DAS3 - Dental Assisting (Levels I and II)

**This program has been permanently suspended.**

### **Program Description**

In less than 10 months after starting your dental assisting program, you'll be ready to become a professional dental assistant. Your career is almost guaranteed, with 95 percent of our graduates finding work in the field. You'll get there by learning the necessary hands-on skills – including sterilization and disinfecting instruments, preparing materials and assisting with dental procedures – in our newly renovated simulation lab, modelled after a typical dental office.

Throughout your studies, you'll work alongside professors in a supportive, mentoring environment designed to help you succeed. You'll also gain amazing experience rotating through specialty practices in the London area and complete two work placements at dental offices to ensure that you are prepared and feel comfortable starting your career.

When you graduate, you'll be well-prepared to successfully complete the National Dental Assisting Examination Board (NDAEB) Exam in order to practice as a Level II Dental Assistant. In fact, the program's 2023 Dental Assisting graduates achieved an incredible 94% pass rate on the board exam. You'll also be eligible for accreditation with the Ontario Dental Assistants Association and the Canadian Dental Assistants Association.

The Dental Assisting (Levels I and II) program will prepare you to be an entry-level practitioner, capable of working interdependently and collaboratively with community health professionals in a variety of practice settings. Graduates will be able to assume a variety of roles including clinical, education, health promotion, business administration and laboratory assistant, consistent with national and provincial standards.

### **Document of Recognition**

Dental Assisting (Levels I and II) Certificate

### **Program Type**

A One-Year Ontario College Certificate Program

### **Learning Outcomes**

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

- Maintain client\* and personal safety in the practice environment.

- Contribute to the development of a comprehensive client\* profile\* by using a variety of data collection methods in collaboration with the client and other health professionals and in compliance with privacy legislation.
- Contribute to the development of a comprehensive plan\* for oral health services and programs\* in collaboration with the client\* and other health professionals
- Provide oral health services and programs\*, as identified in the comprehensive plan\* and as permitted within the scope of practice
- Contribute to the evaluation and reporting of appropriate aspects of the oral health services and programs\* by using a variety of sources including the client profile
- Act in a professional and competent manner.
- Maintain client\* records and manage office procedures in compliance with relevant legislation and regulations.

### **Career Opportunities**

Upon certification, graduates of Fanshawe's Dental Assisting program are qualified to assume a position as a Level II dental assistant to perform a variety of intraoral patient care, office, and laboratory duties as well as working chair-side with dentists to examine and treat patients. There are many career opportunities in a variety of areas, including

- Dental industry
- Public health units
- General dental practice
- Specialty dental practices
- Insurance companies
- Armed forces
- Dental sales
- Dental supply companies
- Correctional institutions
- Chronic care institutions
- Teaching institutions

Did you know Fanshawe consistently ranks high in graduation employment rates among large colleges in Ontario? Here are some examples of career opportunities for graduates of Fanshawe's Dental Assisting (Levels I and II) program:

- Dental Assistant: Work in a progressive dental office with an upbeat, friendly team who enjoy providing excellent dental care to patients of all ages.
- Level II Dental Assistant: Assist a dentist by taking digital x-rays, setting up and tearing down operation rooms, taking and pouring dental impressions while being responsible for managing the sterilization bay.



### **Admission Requirements**

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or equivalent, or mature applicant with a minimum final grade of 65 in each of the following courses:

- Grade 12 English (C or U)
- Grade 11 or 12 Biology (C or U)
- Grade 11 or 12 Chemistry (C or U)
- Grade 11 Math (U or M) or Grade 12 Math (C or U)

Students who do not meet the admission requirements are recommended for academic upgrading. A conditional offer may be possible with proof of enrolment. Alternatively, students may choose to do a one-year preparatory program that provides all the admission requirements. Fanshawe's Pre-Health Sciences Pathway to Advanced Diplomas and Degrees or General Arts and Science-One Year are two possible pathways into this program.

### **Approximate Costs**

Fee details are available at [www.fanshawec.ca/fees](http://www.fanshawec.ca/fees)

### **Contact**

School of Health Sciences: 519-452-4207

### **Campus Codes and Intakes**

- Program Code: DAS3
- Campus Code: LC (LC - London Campus)
- September Admission
- 36 Weeks
- Academic Calendars available at [www.fanshawec.ca/academicdates](http://www.fanshawec.ca/academicdates)

### **Applicant Selection Criteria**

Where the number of eligible applicants exceeds the available spaces in the program, the Applicant Selection Criteria will be:

- Preference for Permanent Residents of Ontario
- Receipt of Application by February 1st (After this date, Fanshawe College will consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until the program is full)
- Achievement in the Admission Requirements
- Note: Admission to the Fanshawe College General Arts and Science program does not guarantee admission in a subsequent year to the Dental Assisting (Levels I and II) program. Successful completion of the Fanshawe College General Arts and Science program, however, does enable the student to be given additional consideration when applying to the Dental Assisting (Levels I and II) program. The General Arts and

Science program is the preferred designated preparatory program for admission to the Dental Assisting (Levels I and II) program.

### **Recommended Academic Preparation**

- Grade 12 Business and Technological Communication (O)
- It is highly recommended that students be proficient in word processing skills before entry into the program. Students should consider enrolling in a computer course to ensure that skills are attained prior to entry in the program.

### **Recommended Personal Preparation**

- Students should develop personal responsibility, emotional maturity and those characteristics which will enable them to co-operate with others in the delivery of health care and in meeting the public in a dental office

### **Post-Admission Requirements**

- Mandatory Placement Assessment for WRIT Course
- Guide to Completing Your Professional Practice Requirements
- Pre-Placement Process
- Placement Agreement
- Professional Practice Health Form

### **English Language Requirements**

Applicants whose first language is not English will be required to demonstrate proficiency in English by one of the following methods:

- A Grade 12 College Stream or University Stream English credit from an Ontario Secondary School, or equivalent, depending on the program's Admission Requirements
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test with a minimum score of 88 for the Internet-based test (iBT), with test results within the last two years
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic test with an overall score of 6.5 with no score less than 6.0 in any of the four bands, with test results within the last two years. SDS Program Requirements.
- Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) test with a score of 70 in writing, reading and speaking and a score of 60 in listening, with test results within the last two years
- Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE) with a minimum score of 59, with test results within the last two years
- A Cambridge English Test (FCE/CAE/CPE) with an overall score on the Cambridge English Scale of 176 with no language skill less than 169, with test results within the last two years
- Fanshawe College ESL4/GAP5 students: Minimum grade of 80% in ESL4/GAP5 Level 9 or 75% in ESL4/GAP5 Level 10



## **Program Pathways**

For information about Program Pathways visit [www.fanshawec.ca/programpathways](http://www.fanshawec.ca/programpathways)

## **Program Curriculum**

### **Level 1**

Take all of the following Mandatory Courses:

- WRIT-1048 Reason & Writing 1 for Health Sciences - Credits 3.00
- DENT-1063 Emergency Management - Credits 2.00
- DENT-1053 Infection Prevention & Control - Credits 3.00
- DENT-1054 Dental Materials for Clinical Practice - Credits 1.00
- DENT-1055 Patient Care Procedures 1 - Credits 3.50
- DENT-1056 Oral Health Records - Credits 1.00
- DENT-1061 Dental Radiography 1 - Credits 2.00
- DENT-1058 Head & Neck Anatomy - Credits 3.00
- DENT-1059 Oral Disease Prevention & Treatment 1 - Credits 2.00

### **Level 2**

Take all of the following Mandatory Courses:

- DENT-3048 Dental Practice Administration - Credits 1.00
- DENT-3057 Dental Laboratory Procedures - Credits 1.50
- DENT-3056 Dental Radiography 2 - Credits 2.00
- DENT-3050 Clinical Practice 1 - Credits 4.00
- DENT-3053 Oral Disease Prevention & Treatment 2 - Credits 4.00
- DENT-3051 Patient Care Procedures 2 - Credits 3.00
- DENT-3052 Nutrition-An Oral Health Approach - Credits 3.00
- DENT-3054 Ethics & Professionalism - Credits 2.00

### **Level 3**

Take all of the following Mandatory Courses:

- DENT-5032 Clinical Consolidation 1 - Credits 5.25
- DENT-5033 Clinical Practice 2 - Credits 2.25
- DENT-5034 Preparation for Practice - Credits 1.00