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PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS

The Dental Assisting Program is a comprehensive full-time program. It is not offered on a part-time basis.

FIELD EDUCATION OPTIONS

This program offers both onsite and offsite field education opportunities.

In Semester 1, the curriculum is focused on building the core skills of a dental assistant while working with mannequins in our onsite state-of-the-art WAVE Dental Clinic11 and dental laboratories.

In Semester 2, students will build on this foundation by practicing on each other and alongside students from the Restorative Dental Hygiene program12. They will then progress to practice their consolidated skills with real patients both in the WAVE Clinic13 and offsite with a field placement partner. Typical placement sites include the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry14, private dental practices, public health units and teaching hospitals.
As we support interprofessional educational opportunities, students will visit one of our 12 George Brown College Child Care Centres where they will teach oral health education to the children, students and staff at the centre as scheduling permits.

PLEASE NOTE: Offsite travel may be required. Clinical hours include early mornings that can extend into the evening.

PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Maintain client and personal safety in the practice environment.
2. 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.
3. Contribute to the development of a comprehensive plan for oral health services and programs in collaboration with the client and other health professionals.
4. Provide oral health services and programs, as identified in the comprehensive plan and as permitted within the scope of practice.
5. Contribute to the evaluation and reporting of appropriate aspects of the oral health services and program by using a variety of sources including the client profile.
6. Act in a professional and competent manner.
7. Maintain client records and manage office procedures in compliance with relevant legislation and regulations.

REQUIRED COURSES

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YOUR CAREER

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GRADUATES FIND EMPLOYMENT IN:

- general and specialty private dental practices
- public health units
- hospital dental clinics
- dental industry
- armed forces
- insurance companies

FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Certified Dental Assistants (Level I and II) may apply to the George Brown College Continuing Education department to expand their skills with a certificate in:

- Dental Office Skills
- Dental Treatment Co-ordinator

EDUCATIONAL/DEGREE PATHWAY

Graduates of the program may apply in the future to other dental programs at George Brown College but must meet the minimum admission requirements for each of the following programs: Denturism (S101), Dental Technology (S100) and Dental Hygiene (S124). Graduates are not given priority admissions based on successful completion of the Dental Assisting program but may be eligible for some course exemptions.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, including the required courses, and the selection criteria outlined below.

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent**
- Grade 12 English (C or U) - A grade of 60% or higher is required.
- Grade 11 Math (M or U) or Grade 12 (C or U) - A grade of 60% or higher is required.
- Grade 11 Biology (C or U) or Grade 12 (U) - A grade of 60% or higher is required.

** MATURE STUDENT STATUS (19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND NO OSSD)

Mature Students may take the Admissions Assessment21 for English, Math or Science, OR may consider upgrading to achieve the credit(s) needed in English22, Math23 or Science24.

Please note that George Brown is committed to ensuring that applicants will succeed in their program of choice and meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Applicants may be required to have grades higher than the minimum requirements stated.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

College or university credits may qualify you for course exemptions. Please visit georgebrown.ca/transferguide for more information.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR S113

PRE-PLACEMENT HEALTH FORM

- Upon confirmation of acceptance into this program, students must meet all the mandatory pre-placement health requirements for the program. It may take up to four months to complete all the requirements.
- All costs, service fees and fines associated with the overall health requirements are the responsibility of the student.
- For further details and to download the mandatory pre-placement health form, go to the Pre-placement website at georgebrown.ca/preplacement

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR S113

Police Vulnerable Sector Check (must be valid annually)

- In compliance with the requirements of our onsite clinic and our placement partners, all students in this program are required to have a police vulnerable sector check completed, and this check must be renewed annually before entering into field or clinical placement.
- The police vulnerable sector check process typically takes two to three months, but under some circumstances can take four to eight months.

This is required to protect the clientele of our placement partner agencies, who are considered "vulnerable persons" under the law.

- Students are responsible for ensuring that the police vulnerable sector check covers appropriateness for "individuals being employed and/or volunteering who will be working with vulnerable person(s)."
- Students are required to keep the original copy of their police vulnerable sector check.
- Students who are unable to provide a "clear" police vulnerable sector check may not be able to start their field or clinical placement and therefore may be unable to complete the program. Students who are not eligible to attend their practice placement due to a "not clear" status will jeopardize their progress in the program.
- Failure to meet the requirements for field placement will prevent students from completing the program and/or securing employment. The fees for the police record check vary and must be paid by the student. For more information, please visit the pre-placement website at georgebrown.ca/preplacement/record_check

“My experience at George Brown was very positive. The facilities, curriculum and faculty members provided me with the knowledge, confidence and skills that have built the foundation of a fulfilling and rewarding career in a way that has exceeded my expectations. The clinics gave me tangible experience applicable to real world circumstances. Placements through George Brown cultivated my professionalism and bolstered my confidence. The professors and instructors intelligently articulated the course materials in a way that helped me easily understand the tasks at hand. The part that stands out most was that I felt like they actually cared about the students. Through their insightful teaching style, and genuine interest in the success of the students, the staff members at George Brown made me feel like they wanted me to do well and it pushed me to do my best. I am grateful to have participated in the Dental Assisting levels I & II program and it is with great honour that I recommend George Brown to anyone interested in pursuing a Dental related education.”

Kelsey Peters (Graduate 2018, Dental Assisting Levels I & II)

CONTACT US

Contact Qian Yang at qyang@georgebrown.ca for program information.
For more information about George Brown College, you may also call the Contact Centre at 416-415-2000 (TTY 1-877-515-5559) or long distance 1-800-265-2002.
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