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DACC Pre-Dental Assistant Worksheet - 2026-2027

Visit Website at: <https://dacc.nmsu.edu/academics/programs/dental-programs/index.html>

*PREREQUISITE REFERENCE LIST

ENGL 1110G ACT in English 16 or higher, Accuplacer 250 or higher, SAT 400 or higher, or C- or better grade in CCDE 110N.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Courses appearing in **bold** are identical to those offered at New Mexico State University Las Cruces (main) campus. Students planning to continue their studies at NMSU should choose courses in **bold** whenever possible.
- Be aware that certain financial aid restrictions may apply. Students receiving financial aid should check with Financial Aid staff concerning the maximum time frame allowable to obtain their certificate.
- Completion of these courses **DOES NOT GUARANTEE** acceptance to the program. The Dental Assistant program is a limited-entry, special-application program. Students considering applying to the program are highly encouraged to study the program website including program admission requirements and selection criteria.
- Students applying to the Dental Assistant Program need either a high school diploma and/or college transcripts and GPA not less than 3.0.
- Applications for the Dental Assistant program are available on the DACC Dental Programs website; <https://dacc.nmsu.edu/academics/programs/dental-programs/>. The application opens up on January 1 each year with an application deadline of March

PREREQUISITES

- Complete these courses before or by the end of the semester you apply to the program.
- Appl. Deadline: **March 15 @ 5 pm**
- Earn a grade of "C" or better
- Minimum college GPA: 3.0

Course	Title	Cr.	Sem/Grade
COMM 1115G or	Intro to Communication	3-4	
COMM 1130G or	Public Speaking		
ENGL 1110G*	Composition I		
BIOL 1130G	Introductory A & P	4	
PREREQUISITES TOTAL			7-8

Complete List of Prerequisite Course Choices

COMM 1115G or COMM 1130G or ENGL 1110G
BIOL 1130G or 2210 or 2225 or 353 & 354 or SPMD 2210+L or SPMD 3210+L

Semester _____	Semester _____	Semester _____	Semester _____	Semester _____	Semester _____	Semester _____

DACC Pre-Dental Assistant Advising Worksheet - 2026-2027

Frequently asked questions about repeats, exercising the Adjusted Credit Option (ACO), etc., and how they affect the Dental Assistant application.

1. **A student earns a "D" or an "F" in a prerequisite and repeats the courses. How is the new grade treated in the application?** The student is allowed to attempt the course one additional time to replace an "F" with at least a "C-." Of course the "C", "D", or "F" is counted into the cumulative GPA that is used for the student, not subtracted. This standard applies to a student receiving a "C", "D", or an "F" in a prerequisite course or co-requisite course.
2. **A student repeats a prerequisite in which a "C" grade is earned. How is the new grade treated in the application process?** See #1 above.
3. **Is there a cap on the number of times a student can repeat a course before the student will no longer be considered?** Only one attempt is permitted in raising the grade to a "C-" or better.
4. **Is there an expiration time on prerequisites or other courses in this program?**
Prerequisites must be taken within the time frame as set by the college course catalog effectiveness - 7 years on the average.
5. **How is transfer work treated in my application to the program?** The original grade is used if it is presented on the transcript - or the cumulative GPA if available.
6. **Is the prerequisite GPA looked at alone or is it a combination of the prerequisites and the cumulative GPA?** Both are looked at, points are given for prerequisite GPA and points are given for the overall college(s) GPA.
7. **How does exercising the Adjusted Credit Option (ACO) affect the application?** Some selective admission programs add or deduct points for exercising the ACO. This program does not. Students and advisors should, however, be aware of the overall consequences of exercising the ACO. The policy is outlined under the Academic Regulations section of the current catalog.
8. **Felony/Misdemeanor Information** Check with the program to learn what restrictions apply. Students are required to have a national background check performed which may limit clinical site opportunities but will not exclude students from being accepted into the program.

DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES

If required by ACT, SAT, ACCUPLACER scores or other placement.

A grade of C- or better is required in the courses below.

Course	Title	Cr.	Sem/Grade
CCDR 101N	Introduction to Basic Reading	4	
CCDR 103N	Comp. Reading Development	4	
CCDR 105N	Fundamentals of Acad. Reading	3	
CCDR 110N	Effective College Reading	3	
CCDE 110N	General Composition	4	
CCDM 100N	Math Preparation	4	
CCDM 103N	Pre-Algebra	4	
CCDM 105N	Math Prep & Pre-Algebra	5	
CCDM 114N	Algebra Skills	4	