

# EDDA APPLICATION PROCESS AND FAQ

## 1. How do I apply for the Spartanburg Community College EDDA program?

STEP 1: Apply and be accepted to SCC. You will then work with your advisor to get you on track for your selected course of study.

Step 2: Complete the application for the SCC Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program found on the MySCC Portal.

## 2. How many students are accepted each year to start the program?

The EDDA Program accepts 22 students each fall and 12 each spring. This number is decided by the program's accrediting agency, the Commission on Accreditation of American Dental Education Programs. It is based on the number of clinical sites affiliated with the program.

## 3. What GPA score is required for admission into the EDDA program?

The student must have a curricular GPA of 2.5 or higher or score a 250 or higher on all sections of Accuplacer testing.

## 4. When can I apply for the EDDA program?

The application process for the EDDA Program occurs twice per year - once in the fall for spring start and once in the spring for fall start.

## 5. How long is the EDDA program?

The EDDA program is 12 consecutive months. Students beginning in August of one year will complete the program one year later, at the end of July. Students will attend fall, spring, and summer terms.

Students beginning in January will complete the program in December of the same calendar year. These students will attend spring, summer, and fall terms.

## 6. Do all students have to go to all clinical sites during the program?

Yes, all students spend equal time at all clinical sites during their last semester. Each clinical site offers a unique learning atmosphere.

## 7. Will it be possible to work full-time and attend school?

Many of our students have families, work and attend school. The students are apprised in orientation of the number of hours required for the curriculum and they adjust work hours each semester to accommodate their school schedules. Neither class nor clinical schedules will be adjusted for a work schedule.

Many students can "multi-task" and experience no problems balancing school, family and work. We advise students to remain disciplined and practice good time management skills during the 3 semesters of school.



**8. Is it expensive to take the EDDA courses?**

SCC tuition and fees are very affordable. Our Financial Aid office will be glad to counsel with any student who needs advise to apply for grants, lottery or scholarships.

There are additional fees associated with the EDDA program such as uniforms, lab jackets, testing fees, etc. An estimate of expenses for the program can be found on this website.

**9. Will I be required to submit a background check and a drug test?**

Yes, all students entering the health field are required by our clinical facilities to submit a background check and a drug screen. You will receive further information about when, where and how once or if you are accepted into the program.

