



# Rio Salado College

## Clinical Dental Assisting Program Review

**Review Conducted: AY2017-18**

### **Decision to terminate the Program**

- The current accreditation status of the Rio Salado College (RSC) Clinical Dental Assisting Program is: Accredited without reporting requirements.
- Since 2013, the CCL in Clinical Dental Assisting Program has conducted annual reviews of enrollment and completion data, showing an average 10-12 enrollments per year and consistently poor completion rates (see Table 1 below).
- The RSC Dental Programs department has an active Advisory Council which meets every year. Low enrollments have been discussed at every council meeting.
- During the prior two years, Dental Programs has worked on outreach, attending 13 events in an effort to increase enrollment. Examples include: Maricopa Early College Programs STEM Conference, SOAR events, I will Graduate event, Career and Resource Fair at Phoenix College.
- In AY2017-18, a review of instructional costs and justification was presented to the RSC Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Academic Dean overseeing the program.
- In spring 2018 interest remained low, with no prospects of an increase in enrollment for fall 2018.
- No class was accepted for spring 2018.
- The decision was made by RSC Dental and Administrative personnel to discontinue the program.
- The intent to discontinue was presented to the Arizona Dental Association (AzDA) in March 2018 to garner their support.
- A letter was sent to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of RSC's intent to discontinue the accredited Clinical Dental Assisting program.
- The last day for enrolled students was July 30, 2018, and the discontinuation of accreditation was requested for August 30, 2018.
- A teach-out report will follow to the Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- Below is a summary of enrollment and retention/completion rates over time, representing one of the factors used in the decision to discontinue the Clinical Dental Assisting Program.

**Rio Salado College Clinical Dental Assisting Program  
Enrollments and Completions**

Year	Semester	Applicants	Number Enrolled	Number Completed	Total enrolled	Total Completed	Annual Completion rate
2006-07	Fall 06	34	34	0	50	0	0%
	Spring 07	16	16	0			
2007-08	Fall 07	57	57	3	114	8	7%
	Spring 08	57	57	5			
2008-09	Fall 08	102	102	9	203	15	7%
	Spring 09	101	101	6			
2009-10	Fall 09	131	131	23	187	38	20%
	Spring 10	56	56	15			
2010-11	Fall 10	15	15	5	37	8	22%
	Spring 11	18	18	2			
	Sum 11	4	4	1			
2011-12	Fall 11	16	16	2	32	4	13%
	Spring 12	16	16	2			
2012-13	Fall 12	9	9	3	21	4	19%
	Spring 13	12	12	1			
2013-14*	Fall 13	13	10	6	15	9	60%
	Spring 14	9	5	3			
2014-15	Fall 14	11	9	3	20	11	55%
	Spring 15	5	5	4			
	Sum 15	6	6	4			
2015-16	Fall 15	5	3	1	3	1	33%
	Spring 16	0	0	0			
2016-17	Fall 16	15	8	5	16	10	63%
	Spring 17	8	8	5			
2017-18	Fall 17	14	6	4	6	4	67%
	Spring 18 (no class)	0	0	0			

\*Curriculum change to DAE courses