



Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.
Measuring Dental Assisting Excellence®

RHS

This exam application packet includes applications for the following exam:

- **Radiation Health and Safety (RHS®)**



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About DANB

Since its inception in 1948, the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) has worked within — and with the support of — the dental community. The American Dental Association recognizes DANB as the national certification board for dental assistants.

The following organizations assist DANB in developing its dental assisting exams by recommending subject matter experts to DANB's Exam Committees:

- American Dental Association
- Academy of General Dentistry
- Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- American Association of Orthodontists
- Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention

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DANB's Mission

DANB is a nonprofit organization. DANB's mission is to promote the public good by providing credentialing services to the dental community.

We accomplish and measure the success of this mission through the creation of valid dental assisting exams; recertification requirement integrity; and valuable, visible and accessible DANB exams, certificates and certifications.

We also provide testing services to the oral healthcare community, and information services and resources related to dental assisting credentialing to support DANB's mission. In order to accomplish these critical outcomes, DANB is committed to a properly governed, financially secure and administratively sound organization.

DANB Certifications

DANB offers three national certifications:

- Certified Dental Assistant – CDA®
- Certified Orthodontic Assistant – COA®
- Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant – CPFDA™

In addition to these national certifications, DANB offers certificates of competency in:

- Radiation Health and Safety (RHS®)
- Infection Control (ICE®)
- Coronal Polish (CP)
- Sealants (SE)
- Topical Anesthetic (TA)
- Topical Fluoride (TF)

Passing each of these exams allows a dental assistant to demonstrate knowledge-based competency in these respective areas, which are important to the health and safety of oral healthcare workers and patients alike. The RHS and ICE exams are components of the CDA exam. ICE is also a component of the COA exam.

DANB certification and exams leading to certificates of competency are currently recognized by 38 state boards of dentistry, the District of Columbia and other state dental regulatory agencies.

Information and applications for COA and CPFDA certification exams and CPFDA component exams (CP, SE, TA and TF) can be found in separate DANB exam application packets. Visit www.danb.org or call 1-800-367-3262.



DANB is a member of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence. The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), an Institute for Credentialing Excellence commission with responsibility for accrediting certification programs, has evaluated DANB national certification programs (CDA and COA), including DANB component exams (RHS, ICE, GC and OA), and finds that DANB programs meet NCCA's highest standards, thus helping to assure validity, reliability and objectivity in the testing process. DANB Executive Director Cindy Durley, M.Ed., MBA, completed a six-year term on the NCCA (Chair in 2003 and 2004) and five years as an Institute for Credentialing Excellence Board Director, serving as President in 2006. DANB Chief Operating Officer Liz Koch, M.P.H., M.Ed., began her first three-year term as an NCCA Commissioner in 2009.

Recognition of DANB Exams

DANB's CDA, RHS and ICE exams are recognized or required by 38 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Air Force.



Meet State Requirements

DANB's CDA, RHS, and ICE exams are recognized or required in 38 states, plus the District of Columbia. Learn more about meeting dental assisting requirements by visiting the state-specific information section of DANB's website at www.danb.org.

Recognition of DANB's CDA Exam

DANB's CDA exam is recognized or required in 29 states. DANB's CDA exam is recognized or required to perform expanded functions* in Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

DANB's CDA exam meets state requirements to expose radiographs* in Arkansas, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Wyoming.

DANB's State-Specific Exams

DANB administers state-specific exams in Delaware, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Oregon and Washington. To download state applications, visit www.danb.org.

Recognition of DANB's RHS Exam

DANB's Radiation Health and Safety exam is recognized or required in 20 states, plus the District of Columbia. A passing score on DANB's RHS exam earns the candidate a certificate of competency and meets state requirements to expose radiographs* in Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Recognition of DANB's ICE Exam

DANB's Infection Control (ICE) exam is one component of the CDA exam. A passing score on the ICE exam earns the candidate a certificate of competency and meets state requirements for infection control* in Iowa, New York and North Dakota.

U.S. Military and Federal Agencies Recognition

DANB's CDA exam and RHS certificate of competency meet the Department of Veterans Affairs requirement for expanded duties dental assistant designation. The Indian Health Services and all branches of the U.S. Military encourage DANB certification. DANB's CDA exam is approved for the GlS-to-Jobs program under the Montgomery Bill.

DANB is collaborating with the Air Force Dental Service (AFDS) to administer the RHS and ICE exams, leading to certificates of competency in these two important areas of dental assisting.

*Additional requirements may apply. Visit www.danb.org or check with the state dental board for more information.

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Welcome.

Congratulations on taking the first step toward earning DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification. This application packet includes the exam applications for DANB's Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam, one of the three component exams that make up the CDA exam. To earn CDA certification, a candidate must pass the RHS, Infection Control (ICE) and General Chairside Assisting (GC) exams within a five-year period.

There are no eligibility requirements to take the RHS and ICE exams. After passing the RHS and ICE exams, a candidate receives a certificate of competency for each exam passed. The RHS exam is recognized or required in 20 states and the District of Columbia to expose radiographs. The CDA exam is recognized or required in 29 states for either radiography or for performing expanded functions. Currently, a total of 38 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Air Force and the Department of Veterans Affairs recognize or require DANB exams for dental assisting practice. If you are unsure which exams are required or recognized in a particular state, visit DANB's website at www.danb.org for state-specific information, or contact DANB or the state board of dentistry.

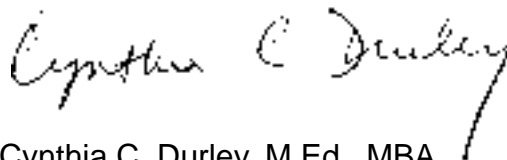
There are eligibility requirements to take the GC or CDA exams. A candidate may be eligible under one of three pathways. See DANB's CDA application packet (available at www.danb.org) to determine which pathway you will be eligible for and the documentation necessary for each.

DANB certification is current for one year. To maintain certification, DANB Certificants must renew annually. *DANB's Recertification Requirements* include mandatory, current DANB-accepted CPR certification, completing at least 12 credits of Continuing Dental Education (CDE) and paying an annual renewal fee.

Please be sure to sign and date the application, answer the background information questions, attach the proper documentation and include the payment. If you have any questions, please contact DANB's client service representatives at 1-800-367-3262. DANB is here to help you through the process of earning DANB certification.

There are currently more than 34,000 proud dental professionals who maintain DANB certification! I wish you the best as you advance in the dental assisting profession.

Sincerely,



Cynthia C. Durley, M.Ed., MBA
DANB Executive Director

Exam Prerequisites

The Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam is made up of three component exams: Radiation Health and Safety (RHS), Infection Control (ICE) and General Chairside Assisting (GC). To earn CDA certification, a candidate must pass all three component exams within a five-year period. The CDA component exams (RHS, ICE and GC) exams may be taken together or separately. There are no eligibility requirements to take the RHS and ICE component exams. The RHS and ICE component exams can be taken together in the same test administration or separately. The candidate must meet eligibility requirements to qualify to take the full CDA exam or the GC component exam. A candidate must qualify under one of three pathways (see CDA application packet).

Test Center Locations

DANB exams are administered on computer at Pearson VUE test centers all year (see page 11).

Submitting an Exam Application

Exam applications should be mailed or faxed to DANB. The candidate should read this packet carefully to ensure the application is submitted accurately with all the required documents and fees.

Signing and dating the application is required. By signing and dating the application, the candidate affirms that the application and documentation are accurate and that the candidate agrees to abide by all applicable DANB policies described in this packet, including the *Application Statements* on page 7. The signature allows DANB to release test results to state regulatory agencies.

Payment Instructions

DANB accepts payment by check, money order or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). Check or money order payments must be payable to DANB. The application is a contract to test, and the check or credit card authorization is the contract to pay. The candidate should put his or her name on the check. DANB only accepts U.S. currency.

Background Information Policy

DANB national exam applications contain three background information questions that all exam candidates must answer. These questions require the candidate to disclose if he or she has had any felony convictions within the last five years, has ever been disciplined by a regulatory board or credentialing agency, has ever been dismissed by an educational institution for an ethical violation or has ever been declared mentally incompetent by a court of law. DANB will review each response and make a determination, in consultation with legal counsel, on a case-by-case basis. For details, see the *Background Information* section.

Military Discount

There is a fee reduction for active military personnel who provide appropriate documentation (see the *How to Apply* section for details). Military personnel may also apply to sit for a DANB exam at approved DANB test site locations. For DANB locations, contact 1-800-367-3262, ext. 452.

Returned Checks

If a candidate applies for an exam with a check that is returned by the bank for any reason (including but not limited to nonsufficient funds, stop payment, closed account or refer to maker), DANB will assess a \$25 nonsufficient funds (NSF) fee to the candidate's account and notify the candidate. The candidate will not be allowed to take the exam until a cashier's check or money order for the full application and exam fee plus the \$25 NSF fee has been received. If full payment has not been received within 30 days, the application will be null and void and the candidate's account will remain on finance hold. The candidate must pay \$75 (the \$25 NSF fee and \$50 nonrefundable processing fee) before DANB will remove the finance hold and process any exam application. No new business will be allowed for the candidate until the finance hold has been removed.

Incomplete Applications

The candidate is responsible for submitting a complete application. Incomplete applications are returned to the candidate, and a letter indicating the reasons for the incomplete application will be sent to the candidate and the payer (if different). A refund for the exam fee, minus the \$50 nonrefundable application fee, will be sent within 30 days of notice of the incomplete application. Refunds will be made only to the payer.

An exam application is considered incomplete for reasons including but not limited to:

- Missing information (e.g., candidate and/or payment information, background information questions, appropriate pathway indicated)
- Appropriate documentation is not enclosed
- No date or signature
- Insufficient payment
- Expired exam application

Duplicate Application Policy

A candidate may submit applications to take different component exams at any time. However, if two applications are received for the same exam, completed applications will be accepted, and duplicate payments will be returned, minus the \$50 nonrefundable application fee, within 30 days, after the payment clears.

Group Testing

Groups of four or more candidates can request to take any DANB exams on the same day, at or around the same time. Download the *Group Testing Form* from www.danb.org or contact DANB at 1-800-367-3262, ext. 452, with questions.

Candidates With Disabilities

DANB exams are designed to provide an equal opportunity for each candidate to demonstrate his or her clinical knowledge. The exam will be administered to best ensure that it accurately reflects a candidate's aptitude, achievement levels or other skills intended to be measured, rather than reflecting a candidate's impaired sensory, manual or speaking skills except where those skills are factors the exam purports to measure.

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DANB adheres to the provisions outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with this act, DANB will make every reasonable effort to offer the exams in a manner that is accessible to people with disabilities. If auxiliary aids or alternative arrangements are required, DANB will attempt to make the necessary provisions, unless providing such would fundamentally alter the measurement of skills and knowledge the exam is intended to test, would result in undue burden, or would provide an unfair advantage to the disabled candidate.

To allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements for modifications or auxiliary aids, the candidate must submit the *Reasonable Accommodations Form* (found on www.danb.org) with the required documentation and exam application, specifying exactly what aid or modification is requested by a physician or psychologist. DANB will only accept the form found on www.danb.org. DANB reserves the right to authorize the use of auxiliary aids or modifications in such a way as to maintain the exam integrity and security. DANB exams are administered only in the English language. Modifications will not be approved for a candidate who requests accommodations because English is a second language. Call 1-800-367-3262, ext. 452, with questions.

DANB's Nondiscrimination Policy

DANB does not discriminate in application, examination or certification activities on the basis of age, sex, gender identity, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

Taking the Same Exam in a 12-Month Period

A candidate or Certificant may take and pass different certification (CDA, COA, CPFDA) or component exams (GC, RHS, ICE, OA, CP, SE, TA, TF) within the same 12-month period. The candidate is only allowed to pass the same DANB national exam once within a 12-month period. Any DANB candidate or Certificant who applies to take a DANB national exam and already passed the same exam (as a stand-alone component or taken with other component exams in the same test administration) within a 12-month period will be in violation of this policy. The application will be returned and the exam fee refunded, minus the \$50 non-refundable application fee.

There is no limit on how many times the candidate can retake a failed exam.

The state of New Mexico requires successful completion of a state clinical radiological exam within six months of passing the New Mexico state radiation health and safety exam, or the DANB national RHS exam. Candidates from New Mexico will be allowed to take and pass the RHS exam twice in a 12-month period. Any DANB candidate or Certificant from New Mexico who applies for the DANB RHS exam and has previously passed the RHS exam twice within the previous 12-month period will be in violation of this policy. His or her application will be returned and the exam fee will be refunded, minus the \$50 nonrefundable application fee.

Scheduling a DANB Exam

Receiving the Test Admission Notice

DANB will send the candidate a *Test Admission Notice* within four weeks of receiving the completed exam application. The *Test Admission Notice* confirms that the candidate is eligible to take the exam and includes instructions to schedule the exam appointment.

The candidate must check the *Test Admission Notice* for any errors and report them to DANB immediately at 1-800-367-3262. Call DANB immediately if:

- The exam the candidate registered for is not the one listed
- The candidate's name is spelled incorrectly
- The candidate's ID reflects a different name than the one used to register to test (e.g., married, maiden, hyphenated)

The name on the *Test Admission Notice* must match the ID that the candidate will bring to the test center. The middle name does not need to be spelled out, but the initial must match (e.g., "M" on the ID and "Mary" on the *Test Admission Notice* is acceptable and vice versa).

The candidate will be turned away from testing if the name on the ID does not match the *Test Admission Notice*. The candidate would need to reapply; see the *Rescheduling a Missed Exam* section in this packet for details.

The 60-Day Eligibility Window

The candidate must take the exam within the 60-day eligibility window listed on DANB's *Test Admission Notice*. Candidates who submit CPR certification that expires before the 60-day eligibility window ends will be given a shortened window based on the CPR expiration date.

Scheduling an Appointment

The candidate should schedule the exam appointment as soon as he or she receives the *Test Admission Notice*. The *Test Admission Notice* includes instructions to schedule the exam appointment at a Pearson VUE location. To find the nearest testing center, visit www.vue.com/danb or see the *Test Center Locations* section in this packet.

Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Test centers may have limited availability. Changes to test centers may occur without notice. DANB cannot guarantee the availability of specific test center locations, dates or times.

Exam Appointment Confirmation

After the candidate schedules the exam appointment, he or she will receive a confirmation via email (if the candidate's email address was included on the exam application) or regular mail.

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Candidates should open and read all email and/or mail from Pearson VUE. There will be important information regarding the appointment.

Rescheduling an Exam

The candidate can reschedule an exam or extend the 60-day eligibility window. Regardless who paid for an exam, only the candidate may reschedule an exam. **To reschedule the exam appointment within the 60-day window**, the candidate must contact Pearson VUE. The candidate can reschedule the appointment up to 24 hours before his or her scheduled exam time at no additional fee. See the *Test Admission Notice* for Pearson VUE contact information.

Extending an Eligibility Window

The candidate may extend the exam window for a \$35 fee. The candidate must complete the following steps:

STEP 1: Cancel the appointment: The candidate must cancel his or her exam appointment with Pearson VUE at least 24 hours before the scheduled exam time. See the *Test Admission Notice* for Pearson VUE contact information.

STEP 2: Request to reschedule the 60-day window. Submit the *Request to Reschedule an Exam Eligibility Window* form and \$35 fee within 60 days after the end of the 60-day eligibility window. Go to www.danb.org to download the form. Within three weeks, the candidate will receive a new *Test Admission Notice* with a new 60-day window. Note: A candidate may reschedule an exam up to three times. After the third reschedule, a current exam application with full fee must be submitted.

Rescheduling a Missed Exam

If the candidate does not take a scheduled exam because the candidate missed the appointment (for any reason ex-

cept a valid emergency) or the candidate was denied entry into the exam, the candidate may reapply for the exam with a reduced fee if the appropriate form is submitted to DANB within 30 days of the missed appointment date. DANB will contact the candidate with information on how to reschedule. The candidate must return the form and fee within 30 days of the appointment date, or the candidate must reapply for the exam and pay the full exam and application fee.

Rescheduling Due to an Emergency

If a candidate misses an exam due to a personal emergency, the candidate must submit a *Request to Reschedule Due to an Emergency* form explaining the emergency, including supporting documents. The candidate must submit the request within 30 days of the scheduled exam date. Download the form at www.danb.org. Call 1-800-367-3262 with any questions about what constitutes an emergency and appropriate supporting documentation. Approved requests will be rescheduled at no additional fee.

Canceling an Exam for a Refund

The candidate may cancel an exam if he or she no longer wishes to test. The candidate must submit a *Request to Cancel an Exam* form (available at www.danb.org) to DANB at least two business days before the end of his or her eligibility window to receive a refund (minus the \$35 cancellation fee and \$50 nonrefundable application fee). DANB will issue the refund to the payer. The candidate must also cancel the appointment with Pearson VUE at least 24 hours before the scheduled exam time. See the *Test Admission Notice* for Pearson VUE contact information.

When Pearson VUE Cancels an Exam

In the event of weather or other emergency, Pearson VUE will try to notify candidates by phone of a cancellation and will reschedule at no additional fee.

Taking a DANB Exam

What to Bring to the Exam Site

Bring the *Test Admission Notice* and one form of ID. The ID must be a currently valid, non-expired government or school-issued photo and signature-bearing ID, in roman characters. A driver's license, passport, military ID card, state ID card, U.S. government-issued permanent resident card or current school year ID card are all acceptable. Test centers may use an electronic fingerprinting, palm vein and/or photographic security system for identification purposes only. Test centers may use a video/audio recording system to enhance exam security. The candidate must not bring any reference materials or notes into any exam area. The candidate will be provided with an erasable noteboard and pen to use during the exam. No visitors or unauthorized individuals will be permitted in any exam area during testing sessions.

Exam Environment

The candidate will receive a tutorial before the exam to help the candidate feel comfortable with the computerized format. Time spent on the tutorial will not count as part of the exam time period. The tutorial is not a practice test. The tutorial describes how to mark answers and return to questions for

review and comment. The tutorial is also available at www.danb.org. There are no breaks during the exam. Candidates may be excused to visit the restroom, one at a time. During the absence, the exam time clock will continue to run. No additional time will be provided. There is no requirement for specific clothing, but it is a good idea to wear comfortable clothing in layers to adjust for minor fluctuations in room temperature. It is also a good idea to wear soft-soled shoes to allow the candidate to leave his or her seat without disrupting others.

Late Arrival or Failure to Appear

If the candidate arrives more than 15 minutes after a scheduled appointment, the candidate will be accommodated at the discretion of the test center administrator. If the test center administrator is unable to accommodate the candidate, the candidate then forfeits the full application/exam fees, and the application is null and void; the candidate must reapply. If the candidate fails to appear for a scheduled exam, the candidate forfeits the full application/exam fees, and the application is null and void, unless the candidate qualified for an emergency reschedule (see section above).

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Candidate Behavior

Improper behavior is not acceptable before, during or after an exam. DANB seeks to ensure a fair and equitable testing experience for all individuals and to ensure the security and reliability of the process. *DANB's Disciplinary Policy & Procedures* document, which is available at www.danb.org, contains examples of improper behavior.

The behavior of each candidate taking an exam will be monitored. The exam is confidential. Any individual who removes or attempts to remove testing-related materials from the test center, or who attempts to memorize, distribute or otherwise misuse an exam, in whole or in part, in any form or by any means, verbal or written, electronic or mechanical, for any purpose, without the prior express written permission of DANB, will be subject to legal action. Any candidate or Certificant who engages in improper behavior also will be subject to disciplinary action by DANB, which may include denial or revocation of certification or recertification. *DANB's Disciplinary Policy & Procedures* document is available at www.danb.org. The test center administrator will notify DANB of anyone who talks during the exam, gives or receives assistance, or otherwise engages or appears to engage in dishonest or improper behavior before, during or after the exam. Those candidates may be required to cease taking the exam and leave the test center.

The test center administrator will send a report to DANB regarding the incident. After reviewing a reported incident, DANB will determine whether there is reason to believe that a candidate has engaged in cheating or other improper behavior, or has otherwise violated the security of the exam. If DANB determines that the incident report is valid, DANB may, at its discretion, pursuant to the procedures set forth in the *DANB Policy & Procedures for Disciplinary Review and Appeal* form, take disciplinary actions, including but not limited to the following:

- Order the candidate to retake the exam at a time and place to be determined by DANB
- Invalidate or refuse to release the score of the candidate
- Deny the candidate's current application for certification
- Require the candidate to wait a specified period of time before reapplying to take the exam

- Revoke the candidate's eligibility to sit for future exams
- Take a combination of any of the above actions or other action that DANB may deem appropriate.

If a test center administrator allows a candidate to take an exam that the candidate is not registered for, those results will not be valid. The original application will be considered null and void, and the full application and exam fees will be forfeited. The candidate will be required to reapply with a new application and payment of the full exam and application fees.

Exam Results

DANB presents exam results as a pass or fail. DANB provides sub-content performance ratings for candidates who receive a fail status, which provide useful information regarding performance in each of the content areas on the exams. Sub-content results are rated as below average or average. Sub-content performance ratings are a reflection on how well a candidate did in a particular content area of the exam and cannot be used in any way to determine overall passing status. Knowledge of an area of weakness is a useful tool to help plan for further study.

Exam Integrity

To ensure a consistently high-quality testing program, each exam is routinely reviewed for reliability and validity. Each exam question is statistically analyzed and evaluated for performance. A small number of pretest questions appear on each DANB national exam. Pretest questions are new test items that DANB includes on each exam as a way to ensure they are accurate measures of candidate knowledge. Pretest questions are randomly distributed throughout the exam and are not counted when the exam is scored. Since the candidate will not know which items will be scored and which will not, the candidate should answer all exam questions to the best of his or her ability. DANB Exam Committees, with final DANB Board approval, establish passing standards (the minimum score required to pass a particular DANB exam) using standard psychometric procedures for criterion-referenced tests. A candidate is expected to perform at or above the Board-established standard to pass each exam.

After the Exam

Name/Address Changes

The candidate must notify DANB of address changes or any errors in the candidate's name. Call 1-800-367-3262 or email danbmail@danb.org.

Contacting DANB

All communications sent to and from DANB are DANB's property. DANB cannot guarantee that communications will remain confidential; clients have no expectation of privacy with respect to items sent or received. DANB may disclose communications as necessary to comply with legal processes. DANB responds to phone and email messages within two business days.

Hand Scoring

DANB will hand score an exam on request. The candidate must submit a *Request for Hand Scoring of Exam Results* form and a \$25 hand scoring fee to DANB within 30 days after the official score date printed on the score report or certificate received. The form is available at www.danb.org. Hand scoring results of the exam are completed within 30 days of a request. If the pass/fail status is reversed as a result of the hand scoring, the \$25 fee will be refunded.

Official Exam Results

The candidate will receive preliminary results at the test center upon completing the exam. The candidate is not

After DANB Exam

considered to have passed or failed an exam until DANB generates and mails the official score report(s). DANB will mail two copies of official CDA score reports, one copy of official RHS, ICE and GC score reports, and any earned certificates within two to four weeks after each exam administration. Exam scores and certificates that are returned because of an undeliverable address will be held for 90 days. DANB will call the candidate to request a new mailing address. If DANB cannot reach the candidate and the 90-day period expires, DANB will destroy the original results. If the candidate contacts DANB with a name or address change after the 90-day period, DANB will release new results after the candidate submits a *Request for a Duplicate Score Report* form and/or a *Request for a Duplicate Certificate* form with a \$25 fee for each request.

Retaking an Exam

If the candidate takes the CDA exam or the RHS/ICE exam but does not pass all of the component exams, the candidate only needs to reapply for the failed component exam(s) with a new application and fee. DANB will issue any earned certificates of competency. The candidate must pass all three component exams within a five-year period to earn CDA certification. State laws may require additional schooling after failed attempts. Visit www.danb.org or see the *State Dental Boards* section of this packet for contact information.

Release of Exam Results

Exam pass/fail results will not be released to employers or any individuals other than the candidate, except on written request of the candidate. DANB releases score reports or credential verifications to some state regulatory agencies. DANB also releases aggregate results to program directors for candidates who are graduates from or students in the program director's dental assisting programs.

Appealing a Decision

If a candidate wishes to appeal a DANB decision regarding eligibility, administrative or exam content issues, he or she may submit a *Request for Reconsideration Under DANB's Review and Appeal Process* form and a \$25 appeal fee to DANB's Executive Director within 30 days of the date on the DANB correspondence that prompts the candidate to appeal (e.g., date on the letter indicating the candidate's application was incomplete, date on candidate score report). The policy governing requests for reconsideration is available by contacting DANB's Coordinator, Executive Liaisons, at 1-800-367-3262, ext. 462.

Verification of Certificates and Certification

DANB will verify DANB certification, RHS and ICE exam pass/fail status and the effective date(s) of certification over the phone to anyone on request, since these items are matters of public record and may be disclosed. A *Request for Credential Verification* form is available at www.danb.org. Only a candidate or employer may request written credential verification; please see the *Request for Credential Verification* form on www.danb.org for details. DANB may offer credential verification on its website. See the *Application Statements* for more details.

Duplicate Score Reports

Duplicate score reports are available for exams taken within the last five years. The candidate must submit a *Request for a Duplicate Score Report* form and the \$25 fee for each score report request. Exam score reports older than five years are not available, although DANB will verify credentials earned more than five years ago.

Duplicate Certificates

Duplicate certificates are available for \$25. CDA duplicate certificates may only be requested if the certification was earned on June 1, 1993, or later. Because DANB provides several opportunities for a candidate to correct errors, this \$25 duplicate certificate fee also applies for any reprint of a certificate due to a spelling error. Download the *Request for Duplicate Certificate* form at www.danb.org.

Conditional Certificates and Score Reports

In some cases, DANB may grant a conditional authorization to test to an exam candidate who answered "yes" to background information questions and is in the process of completing court or regulatory agency requirements. Not every person who answers "yes" to a background information question will be placed on conditional status. Conditional status will be offered to an exam candidate only in certain circumstances at DANB's discretion. A candidate who has been placed on conditional status will receive a score report and, if earned, a certificate marked "conditional." If a person is conditionally certified or has received a conditional certificate of competency or score report, this means that the certification, certificate and/or scores will remain valid only if certain conditions are met in a timely manner. In many cases, the conditions will include fulfillment of all obligations to a court of law or regulatory agency. Full details about conditional certification and conditional certificates of competency and score reports and related processes and procedures will be provided to each individual who is placed on conditional status by DANB.

DANB Certification Maintenance

DANB certification must be renewed each year by following the steps below. For the complete requirements, download *DANB's Recertification Requirements* at www.danb.org.

1. Earn Continuing Dental Education (CDE)

CDE is required to renew DANB certification. The table below lists the CDE credits that a Certificant must earn for each number of DANB certifications.

| DANB Certifications | Required CDE Credits |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 12 |
| 2 | 18 |
| 3 | 24 |
| 4 | 30 |
| 5 | 36 |

The Certificant must earn CDE credits for every renewal year, starting with the first year of DANB certification. There are many ways to earn CDE credits. *DANB's Recertification Requirements* contain a complete listing of categories in which CDE may be earned and the maximum number of credits allowed for each. Download *DANB's Recertification Requirements* at www.danb.org.

The Certificant will NOT be required to send in proof of CDE credits with the renewal notice and renewal fee. If the Certificant is audited, DANB will ask for proof of CDE. The Certificant must keep proof of the CDE credits earned in the event that DANB conducts an audit.

Current COMSA and CDPMA Certificants may continue to renew their certification, provided they meet *DANB Recertification Requirements*.

2. Maintain Current CPR Status

Renewing DANB certification requires that the Certificant's DANB-accepted CPR certification is current. See CDA application packet for a list of DANB-accepted CPR providers.

3. Answer the Background Information Questions

The Certificant will be required to answer three background information questions and disclose to DANB if he or she has been the subject of any adverse legal or disciplinary action since the candidate last applied for a DANB exam or renewed DANB certification. Disclosures must be accompanied by a written personal statement and appropriate documentation.

4. Submit Fee and Signed Renewal Notice

Approximately six weeks before the certification expiration date, DANB will mail a renewal notice. The renewal fee is based on the number of DANB certifications that the Certificant holds.

| DANB Certifications | Renewal Fees* |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | \$60 |
| 2 | \$85 |
| 3 | \$105 |
| 4 | \$130 |
| 5 | \$150 |

* Fees shown do not include the \$15 late fee.

The Certificant must review and sign the statement on the renewal notice attesting to having earned the required number of CDE credits. Along with the signed renewal form and answered background information questions, renewal fees may be mailed or faxed. The Certificant may also renew online at www.danb.org.

To avoid a \$15 late fee, the Certificant must be sure the signed renewal notice and fee are postmarked, faxed or submitted online to DANB by the certification expiration date.

5. Certification Will Be Renewed

DANB will mail the new certificate(s) approximately four to six weeks after receiving the Certificant's signed renewal notice and renewal fee. A Certificant is given three months after the expiration date to renew his or her certification (with a \$15 late fee) before the certification is considered lapsed. DANB has a variety of programs available to reinstate CDA, COA and CPFDA certifications. For more specific information about recertification or lapsed certification, please see *DANB's Recertification Requirements* at www.danb.org, or call DANB's Assistant Director of Recertification at 1-800-367-3262, ext. 445.

Application Statements

Please read the following *Application Statements* carefully. The *Application Statements* apply to all DANB national exams. Candidate's signature on the application indicates understanding and agreement to be legally bound by these statements.

1. I hereby apply to the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) for exam by DANB and issuance to me of a certificate, in accordance with and subject to the procedures and regulations of DANB. Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the information provided on my application is true. I have read and agree to the requirements and conditions set forth in the DANB application packet covering eligibility for and the administration of certification exams, the certification process, and DANB policies, including but not limited to the *DANB Code of Professional Conduct*. I agree to disqualification from the exam, to denial of certification, and to forfeiture and return to DANB of any certificate granted me by DANB in the event that any of the answers or statements made by me in this application are false or in the event that I violate any DANB rules or regulations. I authorize DANB to make whatever inquiries and investigations it deems necessary to verify my credentials or professional standing.
2. I hereby release DANB, its directors, officers, examiners and agents from any and all liability arising out of or in connection with any action or omission by any of them in connection with this application, the certification process, any exam given by DANB, any scoring relating thereto, the failure to issue me a certificate, or any demand for forfeiture or return of such certificate, and I agree to indemnify DANB and said persons and hold them harmless from any lawsuit, complaint, claim, loss, damage, cost or expense, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or in connection with said certification activities. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER I QUALIFY FOR A NATIONAL CERTIFICATION OR CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY RESTS SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY WITH DANB AND THAT THE DECISION OF DANB IS FINAL. Notwithstanding the above, should I file suit against DANB, I agree that any such action shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to conflicts of law. I further agree that any such action shall be brought in the Circuit Court of Cook County in the State of Illinois, or the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; I consent to the jurisdiction of such state and federal courts; and I agree that the venue of such courts is proper. I further agree that should I not prevail in any such action, DANB shall be entitled to all costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with the litigation.
3. I understand that except as provided below, this application and any information or material received or generated by DANB in connection with this application or the examination process will be kept confidential and will not be released unless I have authorized such release or the release is required by law. I understand that DANB will verify receipt of any DANB exam application and the date received, on request. I further understand and agree that DANB may also provide verification to anyone by phone, by mail or on DANB's website regarding whether I hold any DANB certifications, including the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA), Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA), Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA), Certified Dental Practice Management Administrator (CDPMA), or Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (COMSA) certifications; any DANB certificates of competency, including the Radiation Health and Safety (RHS), Infection Control (ICE), Coronal Polish (CP), Sealants (SE), Topical Anesthetic (TA), and Topical Fluoride (TF) certificates of competency; and any state-specific certificates administered by DANB on behalf of a state regulatory body, including the Arizona Radiologic Proficiency certificate, Arizona Coronal Polishing certificate, Oregon Radiologic Proficiency certificate, Oregon Expanded Functions Dental Assistant certificate and Oregon Expanded Functions Orthodontic Dental Assistant certificate. Phone and mail verification will be provided to anyone upon request and will consist of oral or written confirmation of whether I hold any of the DANB-administered credentials listed above and the effective dates for each credential. Online verification through DANB's website may consist of online display of my name, the DANB-administered credentials I hold and dates earned, current DANB certification status, and my city and state of residence. My full address will not be posted online by DANB. I further understand and agree that DANB may, from time to time, provide my name and address along with the names and addresses of Certificants and those holding DANB certificates of competency to dentists interested in hiring a DANB individual from their area, and to providers of continuing education opportunities. I further understand that this consent will remain in effect unless and until I submit a written request to have this information omitted from release. I understand that if I do not want DANB to display my city and state of residence as part of the online credential verification process, then I must submit a written request for omission of this information to following address: DANB Communications Department, 444 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60611. (I understand that my name, credentials held [issued by DANB as described above] and current DANB certification status will be displayed for everyone; opting out of display of information is only possible for an individual's city and state.)
4. I understand that by providing my email address on the application form, I am consenting to receive email messages from DANB and its affiliates related to their products and services or news affecting the dental assisting profession. I understand that DANB agrees not to provide my email address to any third party without my consent, and that I can request removal from DANB's email distribution list by following the directions contained in the *Privacy Policy* section of DANB's *Terms and Conditions of Use* of DANB.org, located at www.danb.org.
5. I authorize DANB to release my exam score(s) to state regulatory agencies. I also authorize DANB to use information from my application and exam(s) for statistical analysis, providing that any personal identification is deleted.
6. I understand that I can be disqualified from taking or continuing to sit for an exam, from receiving exam scores and from obtaining certification if DANB determines through proctor observation, statistical analysis or any other means that I was engaged in collaborative, disruptive or other unacceptable behavior during the administration of or following the exam.
7. I understand that the content of all DANB exams is proprietary and strictly confidential information. I hereby agree that I will not disclose, either directly or indirectly, any question or any part of any question from the exam to any person or entity. I understand that the unauthorized receipt, retention, possession, copying or disclosure of any DANB exam materials, including but not limited to the content of any exam question, before, during or after the exam may subject me to legal action. Such legal action may result in monetary damages and/or disciplinary action including voiding scores and denial or revocation of certification.
8. I understand that for each application submitted DANB will process the appropriate payment. If I fail to show up for an exam for which I have applied, and there is no documented DANB-accepted emergency, and I failed to comply with DANB cancellation policies, I am still obligated to pay the full exam fee. I further understand that taking the exam and then revoking payment constitutes the wrongful use of DANB products and services and I may be subjected to legal action. I am obligated to pay for the exam whether I pass or fail. I agree not to dispute the exam fee. Passing candidates will not be eligible to retain their scores if the exam fee is not paid in full.

Background Information Policy and Questions

Background Information Policy

DANB national exam applications contain three background information questions that all exam candidates must answer. These questions require the DANB national exam candidate to disclose if he or she has had any felony convictions within the last five years or is currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction; has ever been disciplined by a regulatory, certifying or examination agency; has ever been investigated or dismissed by an educational institution for cheating or another ethical violation; or has ever been declared mentally incompetent by a court of law. DANB will review each response and make a determination, in consultation with legal counsel, on a case-by-case basis. DANB reserves the right, under extraordinary circumstances, to bring individuals for review under *DANB's Policy and Procedures for Disciplinary Review and Appeal*.

Background Information Questions

The candidate must answer each question in the box in the background information section on the exam application. Failure to answer the background information questions will result in an incomplete application.

1. Is your answer “yes” to either of the following?
 - In the last five years, have you been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, a felony or any crime punishable by confinement in a state or federal prison for any length of time?
 - Are you currently serving a sentence of confinement, home detention, parole, probation, or other court-ordered supervision in connection with a felony conviction, including for any conviction that occurred more than five years ago?

It is not necessary to report misdemeanor convictions. If you are uncertain whether a conviction was for a felony or a misdemeanor, you must mark “yes.”

2. Have you ever been the subject of any of the following:
 - Suspension, revocation, or voluntary surrender of your dental assisting license, registration, or other state-recognized dental assisting credential?
 - Suspension, revocation, or voluntary surrender of a license, registration, or other state-recognized credential in any profession?
 - Loss of authorization to practice dental assisting or any profession as an employee of the federal government?
 - Loss of authorization to practice dental assisting or any profession in a jurisdiction that does not require registration, licensure, or other recognized employment credential?
 - Disciplinary action by a professional regulatory board, certifying or examination agency, or other professional body?
 - Investigation by or dismissal from an educational institution for cheating or any other ethical violation?
3. Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by a court of law?

Documentation Required if a Candidate Answers “Yes”

If a candidate answers “yes” to any background information question, he or she must attach a signed and dated personal statement describing the circumstances surrounding each occurrence, the offense or reason for the conviction or disciplinary action, the date of the adverse action, the penalties imposed, and the dates when penalties for each occurrence were or will be completed.

The candidate must also provide official documentation related to each occurrence, as described in more detail below:

- For felony convictions (i.e., a “yes” answer to the first question), documentation may include a true copy of every police report, judgment of conviction, sentencing order and termination of probation order, if applicable; documents should show the offense underlying each conviction, the date of conviction, the penalties imposed by the court and evidence that all of the requirements imposed by the court were completed
- For regulatory, credentialing or educational disciplinary action (i.e., a “yes” answer to the second question), documentation may include a true and official statement from the disciplining agency or educational institution describing the offense and penalties imposed and, if applicable, providing evidence of completion or expiration of all penalties, including reinstatement of license or credential
- For a court declaration of mental incompetence (i.e., a “yes” answer to the third question), documentation may include true copies of all relevant court orders and related documents

Testing with DANB: An Overview

3-4 week processing/
mailing time

1. Candidate mails/faxes exam application, documentation and fees to DANB.
2. DANB processes candidate exam application.
3. If the exam application is accepted as complete, DANB mails exam candidate a *Test Admission Notice*.

60-day window to
schedule and take exam

4. Candidate schedules exam location, date and time with testing vendor Pearson VUE.
5. Candidate sits for DANB exam. An unofficial pass/fail report will be provided after completing the exam.

3-4 weeks from
exam date

6. DANB mails exam candidate an official score report. Certificates of competency will be mailed upon passing the RHS and ICE exams. A CDA certificate will be mailed if all three component exams are passed.

How to Apply

Exam Checklist

- Fill out application completely
- Sign and date application
- Answer background information questions and include documentation, if necessary
- Include payment

Submit the Application

1. The candidate is responsible for ensuring that his or her application is completed and all required documentation and fees are properly submitted to DANB.

2. Mail or fax the completed application and supporting documentation with the exam fee or complete credit card information to DANB. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express credit card payments are accepted. DANB accepts checks and money order payment (payable to DANB) with exam applications that are submitted by mail only. The name of the exam candidate must be written on the check or money order.

DANB Exam Fees

| Exam | Exam fee | Individual military | Maryland candidates** |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CDA | \$375 | \$350 | \$395 |
| GC | \$200 | \$195 | \$200 |
| RHS | \$175 | \$170 | \$195 |
| ICE | \$175 | \$170 | \$175 |
| RHS/ICE* | \$250 | \$240 | \$270 |



All exam fees include a nonrefundable \$50 application fee.

* RHS and ICE exams taken together at the same test administration.

** Maryland candidate fees include a Maryland state recording fee for the CDA, RHS/ICE and RHS exams.

Active Military Personnel

See the DANB exam fees table above for active military personnel exam fee reductions. To receive the reduction, the candidate must submit appropriate documentation: a photocopy (front and back) of the current/active military ID **or** a letter from the commanding officer **or** an active military email address (this email address will be verified by DANB upon approval of application). If a letter is provided, it must verify the candidate's name, rank, Social Security number, station (location) and estimated time of separation. If documentation of active duty is not submitted, the application is considered incomplete and will be returned to the sender. DANB will issue a refund within 30 days of notice of the incomplete application, minus the \$50 nonrefundable application fee.

2012 Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) Exam

This 2012 application will be accepted through Dec. 31, 2012.
After Dec. 31, 2012, download a 2013 application packet from www.danb.org.



1. Complete all items below. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that this application is signed and dated, the background information questions are answered, and all required documentation and fees are included and properly completed and submitted to DANB. Incomplete applications (see page 1) will be returned with a refund minus the \$50 nonrefundable application fee.
2. Mail or fax completed application to DANB. Checks must include the candidate's name.

Signature and Date

Must be signed and dated or the application will be returned as incomplete.

I hereby affirm that my answers to all questions are true and correct, I have met all eligibility requirements, and I will comply with all DANB policies and procedures. I understand that if this exam complete(s) the requirements to earn CDA certification, I attest to holding a current DANB-accepted CPR card. I further affirm that I have read and understood the application statements contained on page 7, and I intend to be legally bound by them. I understand that the \$50 application fee is not refundable under any circumstances.

Signature X Date X

Background Information

All three questions in this section must be answered or application will be returned as incomplete.

Read the questions in their entirety on page 8. Failure to answer all three questions will result in the application being returned as incomplete. If you checked yes for any question, make sure to include documentation.

- No 1. Regarding felony convictions within the last five years or sentences currently being served for felony convictions
- No 2. Regarding having ever been disciplined by a regulatory board, credentialing agency or educational institution
- No 3. Regarding ever being declared mentally incompetent by a court of law
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes

Candidate Information

Must be filled out completely or application will be returned as incomplete.

I am a U.S. citizen. Yes No Non-U.S. citizens will be provided a temporary number by DANB in lieu of a Social Security #.

I work in a state different than the one in which I reside. Yes No If yes, what state: _____

English is the language I speak at home. Yes No I work in a dental office. Yes No

I work in a dental office that uses: digital radiography automatic processing manual processing (check all that apply)

(Please type or print with a pen.)

Name (must match your ID exactly) _____

Candidate's SS#

____ - ____ - _____

Prior Name (if applicable) _____ Last _____ First _____ Middle Name or Initial _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Numbers: Office(____) _____ Home(____) _____ Cell(____) _____ Fax(____) _____

Education/Experience Information

This information is optional. No documentation required.

The RHS exam does not have eligibility pathway requirements. For our records, please indicate your education/experience.

- CODA-accredited program (dental assisting/hygiene) See page 12-13 for program numbers.
Graduation year/Anticipated graduation year _____ Program code _____
- On-the-job-trained dental assistant Years of experience ____/____ (years/months)
- Previous DANB Certificatant, U.S. D.D.S./D.M.D., or international dental degree
Prior DANB certification number _____
- Non-CODA-accredited program (dental assisting/hygiene) See www.danb.org for program numbers.
Graduation year/Anticipated graduation year _____ Program code _____

Employed in MD or NJ ONLY
State Approved School ID #

(see pages 14-15)

RHS (3625) For office use only.

RHS Exam Payment Information

Must be filled out completely or application will be returned as incomplete.

Candidate's Name _____ Candidate's SSN _____ - _____ - _____

- Traditional candidate: RHS exam: \$175
- Employed in Maryland: RHS exam: \$195
- Active military personnel: RHS exam: \$170

RHS exam (3625)

- Check/Money Order (payable to the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. or DANB)
- VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS
- If you receive a DANB refund and reapply, do not submit the DANB refund check with your new application.

Include Credit Card Authorization Below: Allows DANB to charge the credit card account.

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____ Amount \$ _____

Cardholder's Name _____ Cardholder's Signature X _____

Cardholder's Billing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Daytime Phone number (____) _____

By signing, the cardholder acknowledges intent to register for the aforementioned DANB exam in the amount of the total shown hereon and agrees to perform the obligations set forth in the cardholder's agreement with the issuer. Furthermore, the cardholder understands that the signature obtained at the exam administration shall be used to indicate receipt of purchase. A candidate who fails to show up for the exam for which he or she registered and has not canceled the exam as described in this packet is still required to pay for the exam. (See *Application Statements* for further requirements.)

Mail: DANB • 444 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 900 • Chicago, IL 60611
Questions? 1-800-367-3262 or www.danb.org

OR

Fax: 312-642-8507

Do not fax twice or you will be charged twice.

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Test Center Locations

Testing Center locations are accurate as of September 2011. Deletions and additions may occur. Locations may have limited days and hours of operation. The number in parentheses indicates number of locations in that city.

ALABAMA

Birmingham
Decatur
Dothan
Mobile
Montgomery

ALASKA

Anchorage
Bethel
Dillingham
Fairbanks
Ketchikan
Kodiak
Kotzebue
Seward
Soldotna

ARIZONA

Bullhead City
Chandler
Flagstaff
Phoenix
Tucson

ARKANSAS

Fort Smith
Little Rock
Texarkana

CALIFORNIA

Anaheim
Daly City
Fairfield
Fresno
Gardena
Lake Forest
Milpitas
Oakland
Ontario
Pasadena
Redding
Redlands
Roseville
Sacramento
San Diego (2)
San Dimas
San Francisco
San Marcos
Santa Maria
Visalia
WestLake Village

COLORADO

Grand Junction
Greenwood Village
Pueblo
Westminster

CONNECTICUT

Norwalk
Wallingford
Wethersfield

DELAWARE

Dover
Newark

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington

FLORIDA

Altamonte Springs
Avon Park
Deerfield Beach
Gainesville
Jacksonville
Melbourne
Miami
Orlando
Plantation
Port Charlotte
Port St. Lucie
St. Petersburg
Tallahassee
Tampa

GEORGIA

Albany (2)
Atlanta
Augusta
Macon
Savannah
Stockbridge
Valdosta

HAWAII

Honolulu
Kahului

IDAHO

Boise
Idaho Falls
Pocatello
Twin Falls

ILLINOIS

Chicago (2)
Marion
Peoria
Schaumburg
Springfield

INDIANA

Anderson
Evansville
Fort Wayne
Indianapolis (2)
Kokomo
LaFayette
Merrillville
South Bend
Terre Haute

IOWA

Coralville
Davenport
Sioux City
West Des Moines

KANSAS

Emporia
Hays
Topeka
Wichita

KENTUCKY

Lexington
Louisville

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge
Metairie
Shreveport

MAINE

Bangor
Westbrook

MARYLAND

Arnold
Baltimore (2)
Bethesda
Columbia
La Plata
Salisbury

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston (2)
Springfield
Waltham
Worcester

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor
Grand Rapids
Lansing
Marquette
Southfield
Troy

MINNESOTA

Bloomington
Brainerd
Brooklyn Park
Eagan
Hermantown
Rochester
St. Cloud

MISSISSIPPI

Jackson
Meridian
Tupelo

MISSOURI

Columbia
Kansas City (2)
Springfield
St. Louis (2)

MONTANA

Billings
Great Falls
Helena
Missoula

NEBRASKA

Hastings
Lincoln
North Platte
Omaha

NEVADA

Las Vegas
Reno

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Concord

NEW JERSEY

Atlantic City
Lyndhurst
Princeton
Somerset

NEW MEXICO

Alamogordo
Albuquerque
Farmington

NEW YORK

Albany
Brooklyn
East Syracuse
Endicott
Islandia
Lake Success
New York (4)
Rego Park
Rochester
Staten Island
Utica
Watertown
White Plains
Williamsville

NORTH CAROLINA

Asheville
Charlotte (2)
Durham
Greenville
Raleigh
Sanford
Wilmington
Winston-Salem

NORTH DAKOTA

Bismarck
Fargo

OHIO

Akron
Beachwood
Columbus
Gahanna
Mason
Maumee
Moraine
Westlake

OKLAHOMA

Norman
Oklahoma City
Tulsa

OREGON

Beaverton
Bend
Medford
Pendleton
Portland
Roseburg
Salem

PENNSYLVANIA

Allentown
Erie
Harrisburg
Horsham
Lancaster
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh (2)
Scranton
Wayne

RHODE ISLAND

Warwick

SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia
Conway
Greenville
North Charleston

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sioux Falls

TENNESSEE

Brentwood
Chattanooga
Johnson City
Knoxville
Memphis (2)
Nashville

TEXAS

Abilene
Amarillo
Austin (2)
Bellaire
Corpus Christi
Dallas
El Paso
Harlingen (2)
Houston (2)
Hurst
Lubbock
Midland
Orange
San Antonio (2)
Tyler
Waco

UTAH

Draper
Ogden

VERMONT

South Burlington

VIRGINIA

Alexandria
Chesapeake
Lynchburg
Newport News
Richmond
Roanoke
Vienna

WASHINGTON

Bellingham
Pasco
Renton
Seattle
Spokane Valley
Yakima

WEST VIRGINIA

Bridgeport
Charleston
Morgantown
Princeton

WISCONSIN

Brookfield
Eau Claire
Green Bay
Kenosha
Madison
Milwaukee

WYOMING

Casper
Riverton

U.S. TERRITORIES

AMERICAN SAMOA

Pago Pago

GUAM

Tamuning

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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Appendix A: CODA-Accredited Dental Assisting Programs

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| MINNESOTA (cont.) | | |
| 0760 | Minn. St. Comm & Tech Coll.-Moorhead | |
| 0759 | Northwest Tech. College-Bemidji | |
| 0626 | Rochester Community & Tech. Coll. | |
| 0748 | St. Cloud Technical College | |
| 0623 | South Central Tech. College-Mankato | |
| MISSISSIPPI | | |
| 0627 | Hinds Community College | |
| 0266 | Meridian Community College | |
| 0671 | Pearl River Community College | |
| MISSOURI | | |
| 0972 | Concorde Career College | |
| 0166 | Missouri College | |
| 0854 | Nichols Career Center | |
| 0629 | Ozarks Tech. Community College | |
| 0935 | Metropolitan Com. Coll.-Penn Valley | |
| 0936 | St. Louis Comm. College-Forest Park | |
| MONTANA | | |
| 0633 | Montana State Univ.-Great Falls | |
| 0816 | Salish Kootenai College | |
| NEBRASKA | | |
| 0634 | Central Community College | |
| 0172 | Kaplan College | |
| 0637 | Metropolitan Community College | |
| 0636 | Mid-Plains Community College | |
| 0635 | Southeast Community College | |
| 0798 | Vatterott College-Omaha Campus | |
| NEVADA | | |
| 0969 | College of Southern Nevada | |
| 0859 | Truckee Meadows Comm. College | |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | | |
| 0719 | NHTI, Concord's Community College | |
| NEW JERSEY | | |
| 0252 | Burlington County Inst. of Tech. | |
| 0860 | Camden County College | |
| 0691 | Cape May County Tech. Institute | |
| 0617 | Cumberland Cty. Tech. Ed. Center | |
| 0893 | Fortis Institute | |
| 0731 | The Institute for Health Education | |
| 0761 | University of Med.-Dent. of New Jersey | |
| NEW MEXICO | | |
| 0542 | Central NM Community College | |
| 0787 | Dona Ana Comm. College | |
| 5008 | Luna Community College-Las Vegas | |
| 0546 | Santa Fe Community College | |
| 0967 | University of New Mexico-Gallup | |
| NEW YORK | | |
| 0735 | Monroe Community College | |
| 0646 | SUNY Educ Opportunity Ctr.-Buffalo | |
| NORTH CAROLINA | | |
| 0656 | Alamance Community College | |
| 0650 | Asheville-Buncombe Tech. Comm. Coll. | |
| 0692 | Cape Fear Community College | |
| 0267 | Central Carolina Community College | |
| 0651 | Central Piedmont Community College | |
| 0652 | Coastal Carolina Community College | |
| 0750 | Fayetteville Technical Comm. College | |
| 0167 | Forsyth Technical Comm. College | |
| 0653 | Guilford Technical Comm. College | |
| 0981 | Martin Community College | |
| 0201 | Miller-Motte College | |
| 4100 | Miller-Motte College-Raleigh | |
| 0268 | Montgomery Community College | |
| NORTH CAROLINA (cont.) | | |
| 0783 | Rowan-Cabarrus Community College | |
| 0654 | Univ. of N. Carolina Schl. of Dentistry | |
| 0928 | Wake Technical Community College | |
| 0657 | Wayne Community College | |
| 0658 | Western Piedmont Comm. College | |
| 0921 | Wilkes Community College | |
| NORTH DAKOTA | | |
| 0659 | North Dakota State Coll. of Science | |
| OHIO | | |
| 0896 | Choffin Career and Technical Center | |
| 0661 | Eastern Gateway Community College | |
| 0176 | Fortis College-Cuyahoga Falls | |
| 0175 | Miami-Jacobs Career College | |
| 0168 | Polaris Career Center | |
| OKLAHOMA | | |
| 0188 | Francis Tuttle Technology Center | |
| 0736 | Metro Tech. Center, Health Careers Center | |
| 0828 | Moore Norman Technology Center | |
| 0887 | Rose State College | |
| 0271 | Western Technology Center | |
| OREGON | | |
| 0663 | Blue Mountain Comm. College | |
| 0737 | Central Oregon Comm. College | |
| 0664 | Chemeketa Community College | |
| 0603 | Concorde Career Institute | |
| 0665 | Lane Community College | |
| 0632 | Linn-Benton Community College | |
| 0668 | Portland Community College | |
| PENNSYLVANIA | | |
| 0263 | Bradford School | |
| 0939 | Commonwealth Tech. Inst. at HGA | |
| 0869 | Harcum College | |
| 0918 | Harrisburg Area Comm. College | |
| 0870 | Luzerne Cty. Community College | |
| 0834 | Manor College | |
| 0738 | Westmoreland County Comm. Coll. | |
| 0174 | YTI Career Institute-Lancaster | |
| PUERTO RICO | | |
| 0675 | University of Puerto Rico, College of Health Related Prof. | |
| RHODE ISLAND | | |
| 0676 | Comm. College of Rhode Island | |
| 0624 | Lincoln Technical Institute | |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | | |
| 0926 | Aiken Technical College | |
| 0678 | Florence-Darlington Tech. Coll. | |
| 0680 | Greenville Technical College | |
| 0964 | Horry-Georgetown Tech. College | |
| 0677 | Midlands Technical College | |
| 0683 | Spartanburg Community College | |
| 0681 | Tri-County Technical College | |
| 0682 | Trident Technical College | |
| 0888 | York Technical College | |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | | |
| 0684 | Lake Area Technical Institute | |
| TENNESSEE | | |
| 0685 | Chattanooga State Comm. Coll. | |
| 0607 | Concorde Career College-Memphis | |
| 0625 | Kaplan Career Institute | |
| 0884 | Northeast State Tech. Comm. Coll. | |
| TENNESSEE (cont.) | | |
| 0982 | Tennessee Tech Center-Dickson | |
| 0686 | Tennessee Tech Center-Knoxville | |
| 0687 | Tennessee Tech Center-Memphis | |
| 0739 | Tennessee Tech Center-Murfreesboro | |
| 0848 | Volunteer State Comm. College | |
| TEXAS | | |
| 0889 | Coleman Coll. of Health Sciences | |
| 0189 | Concorde Career College-Dallas | |
| 0191 | Concorde Career Coll.-San Antonio | |
| 0690 | Del Mar College | |
| 0811 | El Paso Community College | |
| 0730 | Grayson County College | |
| 0693 | San Antonio College | |
| 0190 | Sanford-Brown College-Dallas | |
| 0694 | Medical Education and Training Campus-Air Force Dental Asst. Prog. | |
| 0970 | Texas State Tech. Coll.-Harlingen | |
| 0695 | Texas State Tech. Coll.-Waco | |
| UTAH | | |
| 0973 | Bridgerland Applied Tech. College | |
| 0740 | Davis Applied Technology College | |
| 0974 | Ogden-Weber Applied Tech. College | |
| VERMONT | | |
| 0919 | Center for Technology-Essex | |
| VIRGINIA | | |
| 0604 | Centura College | |
| 2011 | Fortis College-Richmond | |
| 0762 | J. Sargeant Reynolds Comm. Coll. | |
| WASHINGTON | | |
| 0702 | Bates Technical College | |
| 0703 | Bellingham Technical College | |
| 0704 | Clover Park Technical College | |
| 0904 | Lake Washington Tech. College | |
| 0927 | Renton Technical College | |
| 0980 | Seattle Vocational Institute | |
| 0707 | South Puget Sound Comm. College | |
| 0710 | Spokane Community College | |
| WEST VIRGINIA | | |
| 0975 | Mercer County Tech. Ed. Center | |
| WISCONSIN | | |
| 0853 | Blackhawk Technical College | |
| 0858 | Fox Valley Technical College | |
| 0713 | Gateway Technical College | |
| 0717 | Northeast Wisconsin Tech. College | |
| 0718 | Western Tech. College | |
| DENTAL HYGIENE | | |
| 0900 | All CODA-accredited Dental Hygiene Programs | |

Appendix B: New Jersey-Approved Radiography Programs

New Jersey-Approved Radiology Schools and Programs for Dental Assistants

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|------|---|------|--|
| 2165 | Advantage Career Institute | 2144 | Fortis Institute- Lawrenceville |
| 2117 | American Institute | 2116 | Fortis Institute- (Radiology Program) |
| 2110 | Anthem Institute- Cherry Hill | 2104 | Fortis Institute- Wayne (Dental Assisting) |
| 2111 | Anthem Institute- Jersey City | 2321 | Institute for Continuing Education/Dental Studies |
| 2112 | Anthem Institute- North Brunswick | 2160 | Institute for Health Education |
| 2113 | Anthem Institute- Parsippany | 2310 | Mercer County Community College |
| 2100 | ASI Career Institute | 2311 | Middlesex County College |
| 2102 | Atlantic County Vocational School | 2324 | NJ Health Professionals Development Institute |
| 2302 | Bergen County Vocational School | 2103 | NJ Premier Institute for Medical and Dental Training |
| 2319 | Brookdale Community College | 2101 | NJ School of Dental Assisting (Forked River) |
| 2151 | Burlington County Institute of Technology | 2325 | NJ School of Dental Assisting (New Brunswick) |
| 2318 | Camden County College | 2146 | Ocean County College |
| 2109 | Cape May County Tech | 2106 | Ocean County Voc-Tech School (Adult Education) |
| 2150 | Center for Dental and Medical Training | 2315 | Ocean County Voc-Tech School (day) |
| 2140 | Central Career School | 2162 | Quality Dental School of Technology |
| 2133 | Cumberland County Tech. & Voc. C. Ctr. | 2159 | Raritan Valley Community College |
| 2164 | Dental Assisting Career Center | 2108 | Technical Institute of Camden County |
| 2141 | Dental Assistant Services | 2131 | UMDNJ (CDA) |
| 2115 | Essex County Vocational Schools | 2139 | UMDNJ (Radiology only) |
| 2132 | Everest Institute- South Plainfield | 2145 | Warren CCC Ctr. for Career & Personal Development |

2400 All other programs*

*This includes closed schools and schools not located in New Jersey

Appendix C: Maryland-Approved Radiography Programs

Maryland Approved Schools and Programs for Dental Assistants

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| *0400 | Allegheny Community College (Cumberland) |
| *0401 | Catonsville Community College (Catonsville) |
| 0402 | Chesapeake College Center for Allied Health (Easton) |
| 0403 | Baltimore City Community College (Baltimore) |
| 0404 | Essex Community College/The Community College of Baltimore County (Baltimore) |
| *0405 | Frederick Community College (Frederick) |
| 0406 | Harford Community College (Bel Air) |
| *0407 | Educational Horizons, Inc. (Bethesda) |
| 0408 | Medix School (Towson) |
| 0409 | Neibauer Dental Care (Waldorf) |
| 0410 | Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center (Leonardstown) |
| *0411 | Montgomery College (Takoma Park/Silver Spring) |
| 0412 | Southern Maryland Dental Society (College Park) |
| *0413 | University of Maryland Dental School (Baltimore) |
| 0414 | Hygiene Associates (Bethesda) |
| 0415 | Wor-Wic Technical Community College (Salisbury) |
| *0416 | The Carolyn Ianaro Radiology Course (Berlin) |
| *0417 | Howard Community College (Columbia) |
| 0418 | Naval Dental School - National Naval Dental Center (Bethesda) |
| *0419 | Frederick County Dental Society (Frederick) |
| 0420 | Center of Applied Technology, Edgewater (Edgewater) |
| 0421 | Maryland State Dental Association (Columbia) |
| 0422 | College of Southern Maryland (LaPlata) |
| 0423 | Prince George Community College (Largo) |
| 0424 | Anne Arundel Community College (Arnold) |
| 0425 | Hagerstown Community College (Hagerstown) |
| 0426 | RH Dental Education Concepts (Bethesda) |
| 0427 | Kaplan College (formerly Hagerstown Business College) (Frederick) |
| 0428 | DATS (Bethesda) |
| 0429 | Carroll Community College (Westminster) |
| 0430 | Allegheny College of Maryland |
| 0431 | TESST College (Towson) |

*Schools no longer provide courses, but received prior Maryland Board Approval.

Appendix D: Exam Study Help and Reference Materials

DANB Exam Committees use the list of textbooks and other reference materials below in constructing the exams. These lists do not include all textbooks and materials that are available for the study of dental assisting; they are simply the resources that the Exam Committee subject matter experts have determined to provide the latest information covering the knowledge needed to match or surpass a determined level of competency in the practice of dental assisting. Making the lists available is intended to be helpful to the candidate in preparing for the exams. It is not intended to be an endorsement for any of the publications listed. It is not necessary to use any of these books in order to pass the exam; conversely, reading all of these books will not guarantee that you will pass the exam. Candidates should prepare for the DANB certification and component exams using as many different preparatory sources as possible. Candidates may obtain the reference materials listed by contacting the publisher directly or through various bookstores; some are available online.

Reference Materials Appropriate for All Exams

1. *Modern Dental Assisting*, 9th and 10th edition. Bird, D. and Robinson, D.
2. *Dental Assisting: A Comprehensive Approach*, 3rd edition. Phinney, D. and Halstead, J.
3. *Essentials of Dental Assisting*, 4th edition. Robinson, D. and Bird, D.

Radiation Health and Safety Exam Reference Materials

1. *Radiology for the Dental Professional*, 9th edition. Frommer, H. and Stabulas-Savage, J.
2. *Dental Radiography Principles and Techniques* (with CD-ROM), 4th edition. Ianucci, J.
3. *Essentials of Dental Radiography for Dental Assistants and Hygienists*, 9th edition. Johnson, O. and Thomson, E.
4. *Radiographic Imaging for the Dental Team*, 4th edition. Miles, D. and VanDis, M.
5. "An Introduction to Basic Concepts in Dental Radiography," Course #715. American Dental Assistants Association.

The following pamphlets are offered by Eastman Kodak Co. Access links to these pamphlets at www.danb.org.

6. *Exposure and Processing for Dental Film Radiography*, Pamphlet #N-413.
7. *Radiation Safety in Dental Radiography*, Pamphlet #N-414.
8. *Successful Intraoral Radiography*, Pamphlet #N-418.
9. *Successful Panoramic Radiography*, Pamphlet #N-406.
10. *Quality Assurance in Dental Radiography*, Pamphlet #N-416.
11. *Guidelines for Prescribing Dental Radiographs*, Pamphlet N#-80A.



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Review Courses

- DANB RHS Review
- DANB ICE Review
- DANB GC Review Part I
- Conventional Dental Radiography Review

Study Aids

- DANB RHS Practice Test
- DANB ICE Practice Test
- Glossary of Dental Terms

Front Office Management

- Accounts Receivable for the Dental Office
- HR Fundamentals for the Dental Office

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General Chairside Assisting (GC)

120 multiple-choice items
1½ hours testing time

| Topics | % on exam |
|---|-----------|
| Collection and recording of clinical data | 10 |
| Chairside dental procedures | 45 |
| Chairside dental materials (preparation, manipulation, application) | 9 |
| Lab materials and procedures | 4 |
| Patient education and oral health management | 10 |
| Prevention and management of emergencies | 12 |
| Office management procedures | 10 |

Radiation Health and Safety (RHS)

100 multiple-choice items
1¼ hours testing time

| Topics | % on exam |
|--|-----------|
| Expose and evaluate (intraoral, extraoral) Process | 42 |
| Mount/label | 13 |
| Radiation safety-patient | 11 |
| Radiation safety-operator | 21 |
| | 13 |

Infection Control* (ICE)

100 multiple-choice items
1¼ hours testing time

| Topics | % on exam |
|--|-----------|
| Patient and dental healthcare worker education | 10 |
| Prevent cross-contamination and disease transmission | 20 |
| Maintain aseptic conditions | 10 |
| Perform sterilization procedures | 15 |
| Environmental asepsis | 15 |
| Occupational safety | 30 |

*Questions in this component refer to the 2003 CDC Guidelines.

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Appendix E: State Dental Associations/State Dental Boards

Alabama Dental Association (www.aldaonline.org)
Alabama Board of Dental Examiners: 205-985-7267

Alaska Dental Society (www.akdental.org)
Alaska State Board of Dental Examiners: 907-465-2542

Arizona Dental Association (www.azda.org)
Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners: 602-242-1492

Arkansas State Dental Association (www.arkansasdentistry.org)
Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners: 501-682-2085

California Dental Association (www.cda.org)
Dental Board of California: 916-263-2300

Colorado Dental Association (www.cdaonline.org)
Colorado Board of Dental Examiners: 303-894-7800

Connecticut State Dental Association (www.csda.com)
Connecticut State Dental Commission: 860-509-7603

Delaware State Dent. Soc. (www.delawarestatedentalsociety.org)
Delaware Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene: 302-744-4500

District of Columbia Dental Society (www.dcdental.org)
District of Columbia Board of Dentistry: 202-724-4900

Florida Dental Association (www.floridadental.org)
Florida Board of Dentistry: 850-245-4474

Georgia Dental Association (www.gadental.org)
Georgia Board of Dentistry: 478-207-2440

Hawaii Dental Association (www.hawaiidentalassociation.net)
Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners: 808-586-3000

Idaho State Dental Association (www.isdaweb.org)
Idaho State Board of Dentistry: 208-334-2369

Illinois State Dental Society (www.isds.org)
Illinois State Board of Dentistry: 217-782-8556

Indiana Dental Association (www.indental.org)
Indiana State Board of Dentistry: 317-234-2054

Iowa Dental Association (www.iowadental.org)
Iowa Dental Board: 515-281-5157

Kansas Dental Association (www.ksdental.org)
Kansas Dental Board: 785-296-6400

Kentucky Dental Association (www.kyda.org)
Kentucky Board of Dentistry: 502-429-7280

Louisiana Dental Association (www.ladental.org)
Louisiana State Board of Dentistry: 504-568-8574

Maine Dental Association (www.medental.org)
Maine Board of Dental Examiners: 207-287-3333

Maryland State Dental Association (www.msda.com)
Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners: 410-402-8500

Massachusetts Dental Society (www.massdental.org)
Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry: 617-973-0971

Michigan Dental Association (www.smilemichigan.com)
Michigan Board of Dentistry: 517-335-0918

Minnesota Dental Association (www.mndental.org)
Minnesota Board of Dentistry: 612-617-2250

Mississippi Dental Association (www.ms dental.org)
Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners: 601-944-9622

Missouri Dental Association (www.modental.org)
Missouri Dental Board: 573-751-0040

Montana Dental Association (www.mtdental.com)
Montana Board of Dentistry: 406-841-2390

Nebraska Dental Association (www.nedental.org)
Nebraska Board of Dentistry: 402-471-2118

Nevada Dental Association (www.nvda.org)
Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners: 702-486-7044

New Hampshire Dental Society (www.nhds.org)
New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners: 603-271-4561

New Jersey Dental Association (www.njda.org)
New Jersey State Board of Dentistry: 973-504-6405

New Mexico Dental Association (www.nmdental.org)
New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care: 505-476-4680

New York State Dental Association (www.nysdental.org)
New York State Board of Dentistry: 518-474-3817

North Carolina Dental Society (www.ncdental.org)
N. Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners: 919-678-8223

North Dakota Dental Association (www.nddental.com)
North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners: 701-258-8600

Ohio Dental Association (www.oda.org)
Ohio State Dental Board: 614-466-2580

Oklahoma Dental Association (www.okda.org)
Oklahoma Board of Dentistry: 405-524-3592

Oregon Dental Association (www.oregondental.org)
Oregon Board of Dentistry: 971-673-3200

Pennsylvania Dental Association (www.padental.org)
Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry: 717-783-7162

Rhode Island Dental Association (www.ridental.com)
Rhode Island St. Board of Examiners in Dentistry: 401-222-2828

South Carolina Dental Association (www.scdental.org)
South Carolina Board of Dentistry: 803-896-4665

South Dakota Dental Association (www.sddental.org)
South Dakota State Board of Dentistry: 605-224-1282

Tennessee Dental Association (www.tenn dental.org)
Tennessee Board of Dentistry: 615-532-3202

Texas Dental Association (www.tda.org)
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners: 512-463-6400

Utah Dental Association (www.uda.org)
Utah Dentist & Dental Hyg. Licensing Board: 801-530-6628

Vermont State Dental Society (www.vstdental.org)
Vermont State Board of Dental Examiners: 802-828-2390

Virginia Dental Association (www.vadental.org)
Virginia Board of Dentistry: 804-367-4538

Washington State Dental Association (www.wsda.org)
Washington State Dental Health Care Quality Assurance Commission: 360-236-4700

West Virginia Dental Association (www.wvdental.org)
West Virginia Board of Dental Examiners: 877-914-8266

Wisconsin Dental Association (www.wda.org)
Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board: 608-266-8098

Wyoming Dental Association (www.wyda.org)
Wyoming Board of Dental Examiners: 307-777-6529

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The dental assistant has a duty to respect each patient's individuality, humanity and autonomy in decision making.

Health and Well-Being of Patients and Colleagues

The dental assistant has a duty to refrain from harming any patient, to promote each patient's welfare, and to protect the health and well-being of colleagues.

Justice and Fairness

The dental assistant has a duty to treat people fairly.

Truth

The dental assistant has a duty to communicate truthfully.

Confidentiality

The dental assistant has a duty to respect each patient's right to confidentiality.

Responsibility to Profession, Community, Society and DANB

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