



New CRFDA certification now available

DANB's newest certification program, Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant (CRFDA), is now available to all eligible candidates. And so far this year, more than 40 people have already earned CRFDA certification. DANB asked the first CRFDA certificants to share their thoughts and experiences about earning the latest certification, and the response was overwhelming.

Why earn CRFDA certification?

DANB certificants listed many reasons for earning CRFDA certification — such as demonstrating commitment to and professionalism in their field, setting an example to others and maintaining a professional edge.

"My boss is proud of me for holding three DANB certifications," says Sharon Krauser, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, from Washington. "He displays my certificates in our main treatment room, and when patients see that, they respect me."

New Hampshire-based Julie Davis, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, says her certifications are an asset to the office and a point of pride when working with patients. "I felt it was really important to demonstrate to my patients that I go the extra mile," she explains. "It's a way for me to improve myself and benefit the office. I learned so much in the studying process."

Many dental assisting educators and program directors said CRFDA certification was something they felt they had the responsibility to earn — for themselves, their programs and their students. "I decided to earn CRFDA certification to further my professional career and show my students what is out there and how much they can achieve," says Kim Plate, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, from Illinois.

Melissa Gacek, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, agrees: "As a program director and instructor at a CODA-accredited school in Florida, I feel it is my responsibility to have the highest level of certification possible."

How did you prepare for the exams?

There are many ways to develop a study plan for DANB exams, and each person takes a unique approach. However, many of the DANB certificants who passed the exams and earned CRFDA certification offered some tried-and-true strategies, such as:

- Reviewing the exam blueprints to identify topics to study
- Reviewing dental assisting textbooks, CE articles and notes from previous courses

- Taking notes and preparing flashcards
- Laying out a study plan
- Dividing up the information into sections to study in small chunks

What are your future goals?

Earning CRFDA certification is a great achievement, but these DANB certificants aren't content to rest on their laurels; they all cited numerous goals they hoped to achieve in the future. Some of their ambitions include:

- Becoming an expanded functions dental assistant
- Becoming a Commission on Dental Accreditation site visitor
- Earning another DANB certification
- Taking a continuing education class in advanced duties
- Becoming a dental assisting instructor
- Applying for a scholarship
- Earning a bachelor's degree

- Earning Fellowship or Mastership with the ADAA
- Pursuing new volunteer opportunities
- Finding new ways to inspire their students
- Working with the state dental board to help get new dental assisting legislation passed

One thing that sets DANB certificants apart is their ongoing commitment to professional development. If you're looking to earn CRFDA certification as one of your next goals, find out more by visiting DANB's website at www.danb.org. There, you can find information about the CRFDA certification, including the application packet, in the "Become Certified" section.

As Stephanie Joyce Schmidt, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, CDT, RDAEF, FADAA, M.S., from California notes: "A rewarding and profitable lifelong profession can be attained by following the dental assisting career ladder. Holding CRFDA certification is an integral part of that ladder to success."

What does DANB certification mean to you?

Becoming DANB certified allows me to provide more detailed and qualified care. Patients can see that I strived to reach a higher level of education and professionalism to provide them with the best care possible.

—Carrie Lipfird, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA; Kentucky

Being DANB certified has given me both confidence and respect. I am part of a large group of people who take pride in their profession, not only on a personal level but on a national level. My employer always credits me for my accomplishments not only to me but to our patients. That gives me a true feeling of worth within my workplace.



Guinevere Juckett

—Guinevere Juckett, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, EFDA; Ohio

Holding DANB certification has opened many doors for me and put me in the forefront when applying for positions in my career.

—Beverly Theis, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA; New Mexico

Having my DANB certification shows my students how proud I am to be a dental assistant, and provides the credibility my students are looking for in an instructor.

—Heather Muller, CDA, CRFDA; Texas



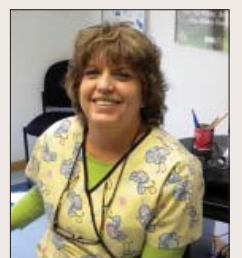
Heather Muller

Being DANB certified was a very big deal to me and my first goal as dental assistant. I am very passionate about my dental career, and DANB certification was the first stepping stone toward greatness.

—Wendy Wakefield, CDA, CRFDA; Missouri

DANB certification shows a commitment to knowledge, experience and excellence in the dental community.

—Patricia Souci, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA; Maine



Patricia Souci

Being DANB certified means that you are always thinking a step ahead and being ready for anything that may come.

—Amy Latsch, CDA, CRFDA; New York

Infection control in the news:

DANB certification demonstrates commitment to patient protection

In April, an oral surgeon in Tulsa, Okla., made headlines after he allegedly committed or allowed numerous infection control violations and reportedly delegated prohibited duties to his dental assistants. There is no question that shocking stories give us pause, as we reflect on the patients and their families, as well as the potential long-term ramifications.

But most dental professionals agree that news like this makes headlines because it is a rarity: DANB believes that most dentists and dental offices adhere to national infection control standards and state regulations. However, with heightened public attention to these issues, now is a good time to take a few extra steps to show your patients and your employer that your DANB certification means you have the knowledge and professionalism to keep public protection at the forefront of all you do.

Put it on display.

One of the most effective nonverbal ways to convey your commitment to patient care is to put your

achievements on display — literally. If your office allows, hang your framed DANB CDA, COA, CPFDA, CRFDA, COMSA or CDPMA certificates on the wall, wear your certification pin proudly and list your credentials after your name. Also consider displaying your certificate of knowledge-based competency from passing DANB's Infection Control (ICE) or Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exams. These signs demonstrate to patients that you have proven knowledge in the key duties dental assistants perform every day. If you or your employer would like to verify your DANB certification or certificate of knowledge-based competency status, you can use the credential verification tool in the "Dental Community" section of DANB's website.

There are other ways you can showcase your knowledge and skills. If you have earned a state certificate or completed a dental assisting program, these framed certificates will also let patients know that you have the necessary education and training to

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Celebrating Dental Assistants Recognition Week



Students at Atlanta Technical College met with local area high school students to showcase the dental assisting profession and celebrate Dental Assistants Recognition Week (DARW). Each dental assisting student led a small group of high school students and spoke about topics such as transferring instruments, moisture control and numbering of teeth.

Turn to p. 3 for more coverage of DARW.

Word from the Chair

Frank A. Maggio, D.D.S.
Chair, DANB Board of Directors



One thing that's true about DANB certificants is that they are always looking for the next professional challenge. That's why I'm happy to introduce DANB's newest certification program, Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant (CRFDA), now available to all eligible candidates. On page 1, you can read about the many reasons that inspired the first DANB CRFDAs to earn this certification — to demonstrate commitment to their field, to set an example, to maintain a professional edge — and see how their overarching goals are relevant at every step of the career ladder.

In 2014, DANB will introduce another certification, Certified Entry Level Dental Assistant (CELDA), to further expand the ways dental assistants can use DANB certification to chart a course for their career. Watch for information about CELDA soon.

The sobering story on page 1 about the Oklahoma oral surgeon accused of infection control violations and delegating prohibited duties to dental assistants underscores the critical role everyone on the dental team plays in public safety protection. Maintaining certification and earning continuing education credits keeps your skills sharp — and supports your ability to ensure your office follows standards established to keep patients and staff safe.

If you have questions about the allowable duties in your state, DANB's 2013 state publications can help you navigate the rules and requirements for dental assistants. See the article below, which also includes information about recognition of CDA certification across the country.

Finally, the Spotlight on Excellence on page 3 features inspiring stories of dental assistants who continually set new challenges for themselves, find ways to help others and give back to their communities.

Enjoy your summer!

Congratulations to Emeritus Certificants

Feb. 1, 2013 - Apr. 30, 2013

Name/State	Certification Year
Amy Antonelli, CDA-Emeritus, MD	1989
Miriam Arguello, CDA-Emeritus, NC	1981
Deborah Ayers, CDA-Emeritus, NC	1979
Becky Binder, CDA-Emeritus, NC	1979
Kyle Colley, CDA-Emeritus, MI	1999
Julie Dumas, CDA-Emeritus, MI	1974
Kelly Ehlers, CDA-Emeritus, MN	1996
Linda Eveland, CDA-Emeritus, CO	1994
Terrie Gloeckner, CDA-Emeritus, CDPMA-Emeritus, CA	1981
Grace Hom, CDA-Emeritus, CA	1975
Kathan Kent, CDA-Emeritus, OK	1980
Gillian Pickard, CDA-Emeritus, NC	1991
Diane Reade, CDA-Emeritus, CA	1967
Bonnie Rothi, CDA-Emeritus, AZ	1973
Mary Lee Ten Eyck, CDA-Emeritus, CPFDA-Emeritus, NY	2002
Linda Thweatt, CDA-Emeritus, TN	1990
Patricia Toelle, CDA-Emeritus, CO	1972
Jeanette Thompson, CDA-Emeritus, NY	1980
Sandra Venta, CDA-Emeritus, MT	2000
Patricia Weidner, CDA-Emeritus, PA	2002
Jennie Yazzie, CDA-Emeritus, NM	1992
Margie Young, CDA-Emeritus, TX	1972

For more information on Emeritus status, see DANB's Recertification Requirements on page 4.

DANB wants to hear from you!

How do you deal with stress in the workplace? DANB wants to hear about the kinds of stress you feel on the job — and what steps you take to keep it from interfering with your ability to do your work, affecting your personal life, or adversely impacting your health. Email your stories and tips to haronovich@danb.org.

DANB's 2013 state publications now available

Updated for 2013, DANB's state publications are must-have resources for every oral healthcare professional.

DANB's *State Fact Booklet* contains state-specific dental assisting information for all 50 states, including excerpts of state dental practice acts, state dental board contact information, median salaries for dental assistants, general information on expanded functions and more.

DANB's *State Career Ladder Templates for Dental Assistants* is a reader-friendly companion guide to the *State Fact Booklet*, outlining dental assistant requirements and scope of practice for dental assistants in all 50 states and including easy-to-use charts that help clarify state job titles, requirements and duties that can be legally performed by dental assistants in each state.

"DANB staff members use both the *DANB State Career Ladder Templates for Dental Assistants* and the *DANB State Fact Booklet* every day to answer stakeholders' questions about dental assisting requirements in individual states," says DANB's Assistant Director of Government Relations Katherine

Landsberg. "DANB is pleased to be able to make the same resources available to anyone seeking information about dental assisting requirements and regulations in multiple states."

To learn more or to purchase copies, visit www.danb.org and click on Meet State Requirements > State Publications.

Updated state-specific information is also available on DANB's website, one of the most comprehensive online resources available for dental assisting state requirements. Go to www.danb.org, then click on Meet State Requirements, where you'll see links to a convenient search-by-state map.

What DANB certifications and exams are recognized in my state?

DANB often gets asked about the dental assisting requirements in different states. Nationally, DANB's exams are recognized or required by 38 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Air Force.

DANB's CDA exam

Currently, DANB's Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam is recognized or required in 31 states for either exposing radiographs or performing expanded functions. Is your state one of them?

If you have already earned DANB's CDA certification, or you are thinking about earning this national certification, then you will meet state requirements to expose radiographs* in Arkansas, Colorado, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Wyoming.

If you are considering taking on expanded functions in your dental office, you should know that DANB's CDA certification is also recognized or required to perform advanced or 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, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

If you don't see your state in the two preceding paragraphs, that may change. Says Cindy Durley, DANB's Executive Director, "Since the CDA examination was first administered in 1948, an increasing number of state dental practice acts have been modified to require or recognize one or more of DANB's exams to meet state dental assisting requirements. As state laws continue to evolve, we anticipate that more states will be added to this list."

DANB's RHS exam

The CDA isn't the only exam recognized or required by several states to perform dental assisting duties. The CDA exam consists of three component exams: the Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam, Infection Control (ICE) exam, and General Chairside Assisting (GC) exam.

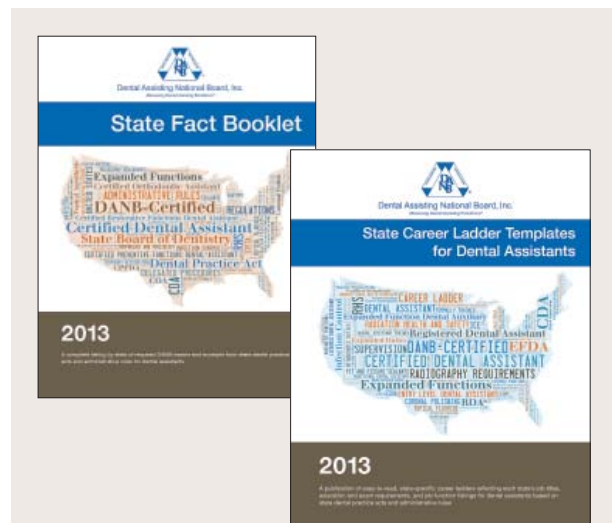
The RHS exam — DANB's most popular component exam — is currently recognized or required in 20 states and the District of Columbia to expose radiographs.* These states include Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

DANB's ICE exam

DANB's ICE exam, a component exam of both the CDA and the Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exam, meets state requirements for infection control* in three states: Iowa, New York and North Dakota. And remember, if your state isn't on this list, state dental practice acts tend to change over time.

Also, please note that those states that recognize or require that dental assistants pass the three-component CDA certification exam by definition also recognize or require the RHS and ICE component exams, as they are two of the three components of the CDA exam.

*Additional requirements may apply. Please check with your state's dental board for complete information.



To purchase copies of DANB's state publications, visit www.danb.org and click on Meet State Requirements > State Publications.

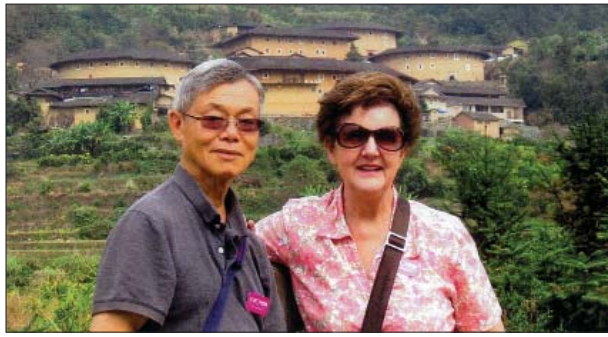
Carol Anderson, CDA-Emeritus: More than 40 years helping others

When Carol Anderson, CDA-Emeritus, began working as a dental assistant in 1967, the job entailed greeting and seating patients, rinsing patients' mouths, holding impression trays, supporting the patient's jaw and packing gauze — along with cleaning the office and doing the billing each month. And, she notes, "This was all stand-up dentistry, which was very hard on our backs and necks."

In 1974, Anderson was hired after her first interview at Loma Linda University (LLU) School of Dentistry — where she stayed for nearly 30 years, helping to train dental students and assisting on the California and Western Regional Boards.

Dean Webb, LLU's program director "really encouraged us to learn more, teach more — and be paid more." Anderson took evening classes at Citrus College, earning DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification in 1976, which she maintained until she retired this year; Anderson has earned status as CDA-Emeritus.

Government cutbacks slowly whittled away at the Dental Auxiliary Utilization program Anderson worked in. "Eventually, we were down from 30 to 4 assistants," Anderson recalls. "But at the age of 59, I had so much energy and did not want to retire. I



"I was thrilled to help in such a beautiful country," says Anderson (right, with Dr. Lee), noting the interesting round houses of the Hakka people they visited while touring the Fujian Province.

searched, sent out resumes and finally found Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health, the largest in all of California, which had several sister offices serving the Cahuilla Indians."

Anderson spent the next 10 years commuting two hours each way to Torres-Martinez Health Clinic in Thermal, Calif., where she was the only full-time assistant. There, she worked with several Loma Linda graduates, learned Cahuilla customs and "made many good friends," she notes.

In 2012, Anderson's long career of helping others took a new twist. While attending a friend's 50th wedding anniversary party, Anderson recalls, "I introduced myself to the people nearest me since I knew no one. At the opposite end of the table, a well-dressed man yelled out, 'Hi, Carol, how are you?' I said, 'Hi, who am I speaking to?' He said, 'What, you don't remember me?' I was really on the spot and everyone was laughing. He said, 'I'm Charles Lee, your favorite student, and you got me through the California boards!'"

After some catching up, Dr. Lee invited Anderson to travel with him and a group of volunteers on a mission to Xiamen, China, in October 2012. They held a health fair with doctors, nurses and a dietician, and Anderson screened patients who needed dental care. "Between Dr. Lee and myself, we treated 154 patients in one full week," Anderson reports, and Dr. Lee said it was the most successful mission he had been on.

Anderson has already been invited to do more volunteer trips: perhaps Panama in June, Thailand in July and Beijing in December. "I'm not sure if I can do all three," she says, "since travel is expensive and my bronchial tubes have a hard time." But she always follows the advice she gives to those just starting in the dental assisting field: "Learn, share, get involved and do your best."

Teresa Molina, CDA, CDHC, serves the tribal community

Teresa Molina, CDA, CDHC, believes in setting new challenges for herself and giving back to the community. In the span of her career, she has done so tenfold — and has no plans to slow down.

Molina is a Pascua Yaqui Tribal member; she was raised in Guadalupe, Ariz., a town just outside of Tempe. Today, Molina works as a Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) at the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Center; she says she spends a lot of time with patients at the senior center on the Pascua reservation.

"I help them learn how to care for their dentures and partials," Molina explains. "I also help them get scheduled to come in to our clinic. They really appreciate that I am able to come out to the reservation to help them, since some of them have mobility issues and other health factors that prevent them from traveling to our clinic as often as necessary."

Molina also delivers presentations to community groups and at health fairs on topics like baby bottle tooth decay and nutrition. Many of the patients Molina sees are diabetic, so it's important they understand how to manage their blood sugar through nutrition before coming to the clinic. "If their blood sugar is too high, we may not be able to perform the planned procedures, so making sure they eat right, especially before an appointment, is very important," Molina says.

Molina tells patients that she, too, is diabetic and can relate to their health concerns. She also incorporates cultural traditions into patient education to give patients authentic context and examples from their day-to-day life. "When I discuss nutrition, for example, I like to reference some of the traditional soups we prepare as an example of a wholesome, nutritious meal," she explains. "Having them be able to relate to what I'm saying is one way to help patients take the message to heart."

'A sense of achievement'

Working at the tribal center has been rewarding for Molina. She says many of her patients tell her how much they benefit from the oral healthcare education. "Patients have told me they take what they learn from me and share that knowledge with their family members," she explains. "Being in the community, helping to promote the oral health of my tribal people is incredibly beautiful and very rewarding."

Earning and maintaining DANB certification has also been a fulfilling accomplishment for Molina. Holding CDA certification not only makes her more marketable in the field — it also is a source of pride.

Molina says she was encouraged to earn certification by her program director and past DANB Board Director Donna Kotyk, CDA, RDH, M.A. "I was in Donna's program, and when I told her I wanted to earn DANB certification, she helped me get the application process started," Molina says. "Now that I have reached that goal, I feel a great sense of achievement and recognition."



Teresa Molina in traditional attire at Saguaro National Monument (West), Tucson, Ariz.

As a believer in professional development, Molina has further goals she wishes to reach, including taking additional dental assisting courses, earning a bachelor's degree, becoming a dental hygienist and eventually becoming an instructor. "All of my goals revolve around my central passion, which is promoting oral health in the community," she notes.

To learn more about the CDHC program, visit www.ada.org/cdhc.aspx.

To read more about past DANB Board Director Donna Kotyk and her role as a director of a dental assisting program involved in the CDHC pilot, please see the summer 2008 and summer 2009 issues of *Certified Press*.

Dental Assistants Recognition Week

Dental assistants across the country celebrated Dental Assistants Recognition Week (DARW) the first week of March. Events ranged from promoting dental assisting careers at a recruitment event to a recognition breakfast and volunteer events.



Dental assisting students at **San Antonio College in Texas** embraced their artistic sides in celebration of DARW. Students were asked to decorate dental study models, which were then displayed in the halls of the college.

Six local dentists also volunteered their time at the college during DARW to see 78 patients who were in need of dental exams and radiographs. "The exams were free to patients, many who can't afford dental care," says Carmen Santiago, CDA, dental assisting program coordinator. "The students did an awesome job, and all of the instructors were very proud of them."



At **Chattanooga State Community College in Tennessee**, 32 dental assisting students were treated to a breakfast courtesy of school faculty in honor of DARW. During the event, Chattanooga Area Dental Assistants' Society (CADAS) President Mark Matney (above right, with student Samantha Eldridge) spoke about the dental assisting profession and distributed coupons to each student for one hour of free continuing education sponsored by CADAS.



Dental assisting students at **Ivy Tech Community College in Anderson, Ind.**, marked DARW by volunteering their time in the community. In conjunction with National Children's Dental Health Month in February, the dental assisting students visited more than 300 underserved children in the community to demonstrate proper oral hygiene, discuss healthy food choices and distribute toothbrushes to each child.

"Most of the children in the program didn't own a toothbrush," says Teresa A. Macauley, CDA, EFDA, M.S., professor and dental assisting program chair at Ivy Tech. "We knew that by distributing the toothbrushes they would at least be receiving proper dental hygiene five days a week while at school."

DANB's 2013 Recertification Requirements

Renewing DANB Certification

DANB certification is valid for one year, and must be renewed annually. In order to renew, DANB certificants must complete 12 Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credits, hold a current DANB-accepted CPR card and submit a renewal fee to DANB. A renewal notice will be mailed approximately six weeks prior to the certification expiration date, which is printed on each DANB certificate. Certificants must sign a statement attesting that CDE and CPR requirements have been met, and must return the statement with the appropriate renewal fee to DANB.

Certifications	CDE Credits	Renewal Fee
1	12 credits (plus CPR)	\$60
2	18 credits (plus CPR)	\$85
3	24 credits (plus CPR)	\$105
4	30 credits (plus CPR)	\$130
5	36 credits (plus CPR)	\$150
6	42 credits (plus CPR)	\$170

*There is a \$15 late fee for certifications that are renewed during the three-month grace period after the certification expiration date. Renewal fees are non-refundable.

If DANB does not receive a response to a renewal notice within three months of the expiration date, the certificant is no longer certified and cannot use

the CDA, COA, CPFDA, CRFDA, COMSA or CDPMA certification mark. To protect against misuse of DANB credentials, DANB sends reports of lapsed DANB certifications to state regulatory agencies on a regular basis.

Requirements/Audit Procedures

DANB's 12 CDE credit annual minimum is consistent with states that have mandatory CDE requirements for dental assistants. The yearly CDE requirement emphasizes the importance of lifelong professional learning and promotes the continued competence of DANB certificants.

DANB certificants are randomly selected for verification (audit) of their CDE credits and CPR. Those selected for audit will be considered certified during the time that they are providing proof of their continuing education.

Specific instructions will be sent to those audited. Upon successful completion of the audit, certification will be instated for the full year. Proof of continuing education should be retained for two years, in case of subsequent audit.

DO NOT SEND DOCUMENTATION UNLESS REQUESTED. DANB WILL NOT RETURN OR RETAIN MATERIALS.

DANB Renewal Sample Timeline

This sample timeline illustrates the DANB certification renewal process. In this example, the individual's CDA certification expires Jan. 15, 2013.

December 1, 2012

A renewal notice is mailed to certificant.

January 15, 2013

Signed statement and fee are due by this date or DANB certification expires.

January 16, 2013

Grace period begins. A \$15 late fee is assessed. If the fee is not received, a second notice is mailed.

February 28, 2013

Grace period continues. If the fee is not received, the final notice is mailed.

March 31, 2013

If the fee is not received, a reminder email is sent.

April 16, 2013

The grace period ends. If the fees and signed statement are not received, the individual is no longer DANB certified. Call 1-800-367-3262 for reinstatement options.

DANB Recertification Policy

Relevance to Practice of Dentistry or Dental Assisting

All CDE must directly relate to the practice of dentistry or dental assisting to maintain or improve dental assisting knowledge or skill. CDE does not need to be pre-approved by DANB to be accepted as meeting DANB's Recertification Requirements. Call DANB prior to participation in education if you have questions.

Length of Program

Programs must be at least 45 minutes in length in order to qualify for one CDE credit. Credit for a CDE course will be calculated in 15-minute increments (i.e., 1 ½ hours = 1.5 CDE credits, 2 ¾ hours = 2.75 CDE credits).

Pre-Certification CDE

Education dated prior to a certificant's initial certification date cannot be used to meet DANB CDE requirements. Certificants must earn the required CDE credits during the first year of certification to maintain DANB certification.

CDE Lifespan

CDE credits have a two-year lifespan. Certificants who carry over credits into the next renewal year must retain proof of 24 credits of CDE over a two-year period, in case they are randomly selected for audit.

Multiple Certifications

It is possible to be certified in each of six areas: CDA, COA, CPFDA, CRFDA, COMSA and CDPMA. Renewal requirements are set at approximately 50 percent increase over basic requirements for each additional certification maintained.

Renewal Timing and Certification Expiration

A three-month grace period is granted if the required CDE credits are not accumulated and the appropriate fee is not received by the expiration date. An individual is considered certified during this three-month CDE grace period; however, a late fee of \$15 will be assessed. If DANB does not receive a response to a renewal notice within three months of the certification expiration date, the individual is no longer certified and cannot use the CDA, COA, CPFDA, CRFDA,

COMSA or CDPMA certification marks. DANB's certification marks are registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and only those individuals who have earned and maintained the marks are legally authorized to use them.

Misrepresentation of DANB Certification Marks

Misuse of any DANB certification mark is grounds for discipline under DANB's *Discipline Policies and Procedures* (contact DANB for a copy). For reinstatement of a certification mark, contact DANB's Recertification Senior Coordinator at 1-800-367-3262, ext. 451.

Review and Appeal Policy and Procedures

A copy of DANB's *Review and Appeal Policy and Procedures* is available at www.danb.org.

CPR Requirement

Current DANB-accepted CPR is required for annual renewal of DANB certification. DANB accepts CPR certifications from the providers below. Course must be for CPR, and a hands-on exam must be taken. CPR from other providers or courses will not be accepted. CPR does not count toward the required number of CDE credits.

DANB-Accepted CPR Providers

American Environmental Health and Safety
American Heart Association
American Red Cross (card or certificate accepted)
American Safety and Health Institute
Canadian Red Cross
Emergency Care and Safety Institute
Emergency First Response
Emergency Medical Training Associates
Emergency University*
EMS Safety Services
Medic First Aid
Military Training Network
National Safety Council (Green Cross)
ProCPR*
Saudi Heart Association

*Not all courses include the hands-on exam, so check with the provider before taking the course to be sure it will be accepted by DANB.

Emeritus Status

DANB certificants (holding CDA, COA, CPFDA, CRFDA, COMSA or CDPMA certification) may apply for "Emeritus" status if they have maintained continuous current certification for four (4) of the five (5) years immediately preceding application for at least one certification and have:

- Become totally and permanently disabled or
- Retired from the field of dentistry/dental assisting at the age of 60 years or older or
- Retired from the field of dentistry/dental assisting with 35 years of continuous (without any breaks) DANB certification.

Retirement

Must submit two (2) letters stating that he/she has retired and the date of retirement:

- One from the assistant requesting Emeritus status and signed by the assistant
- One from the assistant's employer on letterhead and signed by the employer (or the assistant can provide proof of receiving Social Security benefits).

Disability

Must submit two (2) letters stating that he/she is no longer working in the dental field due to disability:

- One from the assistant requesting Emeritus status and signed by the assistant
- One from the assistant's physician on his/her office letterhead stating that the assistant is physically and permanently unable to perform any duties required.

If a certificant holds more than one certification, the certificant will earn Emeritus status for all currently held certifications as long as the certificant maintained continuous current certification for at least one of the certifications for four (4) of the five (5) years immediately preceding application.

Release of Information

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Continuing Dental Education (CDE)

To renew DANB certification, DANB certificants must earn the required CDE credits, hold current DANB-accepted CPR and pay the renewal fee. Download DANB's 2012 Recertification Requirements from www.danb.org for complete requirements and the list of DANB-accepted CPR providers.

Category Maximums for CDE Credits

CDE Category	CDA	COA	CPFDA	CRFDA	COMSA	CDPMA
Clinical Practice	12	12	12	12	12	5
Dental Office Management	3	3	3	3	3	6
DANB and Other Dental-Related Exams	12	12	12	12	12	6
Volunteer Service or Scholarly Activity	3	3	3	3	3	3

Categories for CDE Credits

CATEGORY 1: CLINICAL PRACTICE

CDE earned in this category must be directly related to the clinical practice of dentistry or dental assisting. This category includes but is not limited to:

1. Attendance at or participation in clinical professional development lectures, courses (including home study courses) and/or table clinics that are directly related to clinical knowledge and chairside duties: dental materials, four-handed dentistry, infection control, radiology, expanded functions, canine and feline dentistry and others.

Proof: Certificate of completion, letter of attendance/completion on sponsor letterhead or including sponsoring organization name and contact information, meeting badge/program page (table clinics or free on-site lecture), CDE printout from meeting or similar documentation.

Credits: One (1) CDE credit for each clock hour that you attend/participate in a session.

2. Viewing video from dental meeting seminars on clinical topics.

Proof: A 250-word essay highlighting the meeting, course name and presenter.

Credits: Two (2) CDE credits for each 250-word video summary submitted.

3. Reading articles or textbooks on clinical topics.

Proof: A 250-word article or textbook summary, including the name of the article, author and source. Educators may submit a copy of a completed publisher's evaluation form for any materials evaluated for adoption.

Credits: Two (2) CDE credits for each 250-word article/book summary submitted.

4. Completing scientific-oriented college courses.

Proof: Official transcript or grade report, or letter from instructor on school or organization letterhead, verifying attendance.

Credits: For each scientific-oriented college credit/unit successfully completed:

- Three (3) college credits/units = twelve (12) CDE credits
- Two (2) college credits/units = six (6) CDE credits
- One (1) college credit/unit = three (3) CDE credits

CATEGORY 2: DENTAL OFFICE MANAGEMENT

CDE earned in this category must be directly related to allowable duties for dental assistants. This category includes but is not limited to:

1. Attendance at or participation in dental office management lectures, courses (including home study courses) and/or table clinics that are directly related to dental office management and practice communication services: practice management, HIPAA, stress management, patient and staff motivation, computer courses (e.g. college courses, software training), insurance, claims/billing, foreign language studies and American Sign Language.

Proof: Certificate of completion, letter of attendance/completion on sponsor letterhead or including sponsoring organization name and contact information, meeting badge/program page (table clinics or free on-site lecture), CDE printout from meeting or similar documentation.

Credits: One (1) CDE credit for each clock hour that you attend and/or participate in a session.

2. View video from dental meeting seminars on dental office management topics.

Proof: A 250-word essay highlighting the meeting, course name and presenter.

Credits: Two (2) CDE credits for each 250-word video summary.

3. Read articles or textbooks on dental office management.

Proof: A 250-word article or textbook summary, including the name of the article, author and source. Educators may submit a copy of a completed publisher's evaluation form for any materials evaluated for adoption.

Credits: Two (2) CDE credits for each 250-word article/textbook summary

4. Complete dental office management-related college courses.

Proof: Official transcript or grade report, or letter from instructor on school or organization letterhead, verifying attendance.

Credits: For each dental office management-related college credit/unit successfully completed at the following levels:

- Two (2) college credits/units = six (6) CDE credits
- One (1) college credit/unit = three (3) CDE credits

CATEGORY 3: DANB EXAMS AND OTHER DENTAL-RELATED EXAMS

1. Successful completion of any DANB-administered exam, excluding the first time a certification is passed. These exams include any DANB national exam or any DANB state or agency-contracted exam. Certificants can earn twelve (12) CDE credits for successful completion of any DANB Professional Development Examination Program (PDEP) module.

Proof: Provide the name and date of the DANB exam you successfully completed.

Credits: For successful completion of a DANB-developed and DANB-administered exam of at least 100 questions and for any DANB PDEP module, you will earn twelve (12) CDE credits. For successful completion of a DANB-developed and DANB-administered exam consisting of fewer than 100 questions, you will earn six (6) CDE credits.

2. Successful completion of non-DANB-developed, dental-related, professionally proctored exams consisting of at least 100 questions.

Proof: Provide the certificate or score report of the exam you completed, along with a description of the exam from the organization that delivers the exam (must include the date the exam was taken and/or scored).

Credits: You will earn hour-for-hour credit for the amount of time designated for the completion of the exam. If no time is specified, one hour will be allowed for every 100 questions.

CATEGORY 4: VOLUNTEER SERVICE OR SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Certificants may earn a maximum three (3) CDE credits by participating in dental-related community volunteer service or by providing CDE.

1. Examples of volunteer service include: international/national mission work, voluntary clinic work or dental health presentations to students or groups. Volunteer service also includes serving on a DANB Exam Committee. Community service does not include activities such as serving on a dental assisting program advisory committee or as an officer and/or committee chair for a national, state or local dental assisting organization.

Proof: Certificate of completion, letter of attendance/participation or similar documentation, on letterhead of the sponsoring service organization or including sponsoring organization contact information. DANB will verify participation of DANB Exam Committee members.

Credits: For each clock hour of participation in volunteer dental-related community service, you may earn one (1) CDE credit, for a maximum of three (3) CDE credits in this category.

2. Examples of scholarly activity include: teaching a professional course directly related to dentistry or dental assisting that is outside the certificant's normal employment teaching responsibilities, presenting a CDE program that is outside the certificant's normal employment teaching responsibilities, or authoring a published article in a recognized dental assisting journal.

Proof: Certificate of completion, letter of attendance/participation or similar documentation, on letterhead of the sponsoring service organization or including sponsoring service organization contact information. For proof of a published article, submit a copy of the article including the name of the journal in which it was published, the article title and date of publication.

Credits: Three (3) CDE credits will be earned for scholarly activities.

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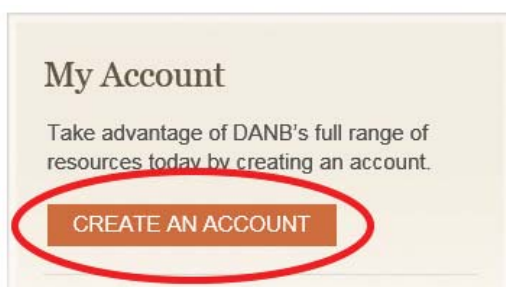
One of the most common questions DANB receives about using the DANB website is, "I set up an account, but I can't see my exam or certification information."

Anyone can create an account on DANB's website by entering his or her personal email address and basic contact information. To connect this account to your exam and certification history with DANB, however, you need to confirm and connect:

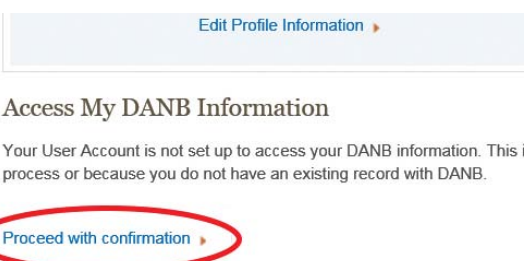
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Follow these instructions and connect to DANB today!

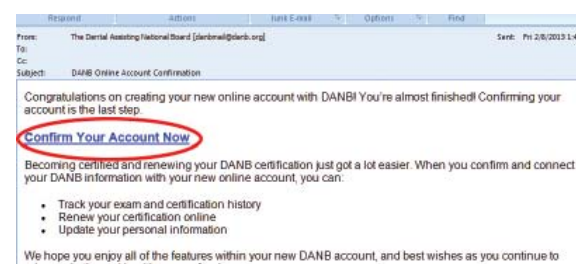
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2. **Confirm and connect.** On the My Account screen, click the link that reads, "Proceed with confirmation."



3. **Complete the process.** An email with a "Confirm Your Account Now" link will be sent to the email address on record. If you don't see this email, be sure to check your spam or junk folder. You must open the email and click on the link to complete the process and access all your important DANB account information.



If you still have questions, contact DANB's Client Services department at danbmail@danb.org or 1-800-367-3262.

ADAA/DANB scholarship coming soon

The Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) and the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) are working together on a new scholarship program for dental assistants. The ADAA/DANB Scholarship will be open to all ADAA members and student members in good standing.

The scholarship is intended for dental assistants to use toward their professional development, such as continuing dental education, DANB exams or certification, or registration for a dental conference.

More details about the scholarship, including deadlines and full requirements, will be available this summer. Please check DANB's website at www.danb.org as well as your email for more information.

To be sure you receive all of DANB's updates, make sure DANB has your current email address on file! Please contact 1-800-367-3262 or danbmail@danb.org as soon as possible with your current email address.

Infection control in the news (cont. from p. 1)

perform your duties. To find out the allowable duties in your state and the associated requirements, visit the "Meet State Requirements" section of DANB's website.

Maintain visible standards.

Another great item to keep visible in the office is DANB's *Code of Professional Conduct*. Anyone who has applied for, taken or passed a DANB exam must adhere to this code — which outlines several tenets of professional conduct, such as truth and responsibility. Displaying the code is a reminder to staff about the importance of upholding ethical standards; it also sends the message to patients that the office takes professional conduct seriously.

Some states require dental assistants to complete a jurisprudence course and pass an exam. If this is the case in your state, posting your certificate from the exam or course is also a good idea. This demonstrates to everyone who walks into the dental office that your team is up-to-date on the latest state regulations.

It's also good practice to have infection control and safety manuals stored in visible, easy-access locations. This not only makes it easier for the dental team to refer to these manuals when necessary — it also shows patients that your team knows and implements these procedures consistently. These manuals can also be a handy reference point if a patient asks questions about your office's infection control standards.

If you're looking to add to the office resources, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) have many guides available for download on their websites. In addition, you can obtain

Know your responsibilities

DANB's *Code of Professional Conduct*, which is available on DANB's website, outlines the professional responsibilities that dental assistants must follow. All DANB certificants, as well as anyone who has applied for, taken or passed a DANB exam, must adhere to this code.

According to the code, if you are asked to perform duties outside the dental practice act, or if you know of someone who is performing prohibited duties, it is your responsibility to report this misconduct to your state's dental board. The contact information for each state dental board is posted in the "Meet State Requirements" section of DANB's website.

If you have any questions about the professional responsibilities you have as a DANB certificant, please call DANB at 1-800-367-3262.

From Policy to Practice: OSAP's Guide to the CDC Guidelines by going to the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) website, www.osap.org. This manual provides guidance in how the *CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings*, 2003, should be applied in the dental office.

As you know, dental assistants fill a critical role in a dental office's infection control and occupational safety procedures — and sometimes serve as the closest set of eyes and ears to an office's day-to-day operations. At DANB, public protection is at the heart of what we do. As a DANB certificant, it should be at your core, too.

DANB's expertise in the news

After the Oklahoma story first broke, many local and national news outlets were quick to report it. Some publications, like Tulsa's local Fox TV station, wanted to know more about the duties that dental assistants were allowed to perform. To get this information, the reporter turned to DANB Executive Director Cindy Durley, who explained that each state has its own regulations, requirements and allowed and prohibited duties. The state-specific information section of DANB's website was an invaluable resource to this reporter.

Tulsa's popular talk radio station also was interested in the dental assistant angle of the story. The talk show host spoke at length with Durley about the state of dental assisting across the country, as well as in Oklahoma. Durley was quoted as saying, "There isn't a location in the U.S. where dental assistants work outside the supervision of a licensed dentist.

"This story brings to light that all members of the dental team are required to know the law and pay

attention to what the state's requirements are," she added.

Because the allegations in the story are so serious, DANB issued a statement about delegating duties to dental assistants, and to confirm that the dental assistants involved in the case are not DANB certified, nor have they ever taken any DANB exams. The statement was distributed via PR Newswire and published in notable outlets like Dr. Bicuspid and *Dental Assisting Digest*. To view DANB's statement, visit the "News and Events" section of DANB's website.

Stories like these are alarming and capture the public's interest. Fortunately, DANB has resources available to help shed light on some important dental assisting facts — as well as a variety of exams, certifications, information and services to assist in public protection. Visit www.danb.org for more information and www.dalefoundation.org for additional resources.

DANB's newest CDE topic: Sedation in Pediatric Dentistry PDEP now available

Sedation in Pediatric Dentistry is the newest topic offered through DANB's Professional Development Examination Program (PDEP).

"This new module expands the number of options for certificants looking to keep up on modern dentistry trends while earning Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credits for certification renewal," says DANB Executive Director Cindy Durley.

The new PDEP module, available in May 2013, includes five articles published by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

The articles address the use of sedation in treating pediatric patients, including using nitrous oxide as a behavior management practice, the effects of conscious sedation and general anesthesia on be-

havior, and cases of adverse events during pediatric dental anesthesia and sedation.

DANB offers two other PDEP modules — one on radiation health and safety and one on pediatric dentistry. Each module is worth 12 CDE credits upon successful completion, and can be taken only once.

Certificants have six months to complete the program, which includes a 50-question exam on the material. PDEP modules are only available to DANB certificants who are renewing their certification(s).

DANB will continue to offer PDEP modules until this program is transferred to the DALE Foundation, DANB's independent affiliate, through its Continuing Dental Education Articles (CDEA™) offerings.

Kids in the dental chair?

The DALE Foundation launches new pediatric dental patient course

Sometimes it's the littlest dental patients who require a special kind of attention and care.

If you're looking to learn more about working with pediatric dental patients, the DALE Foundation has a new online course — Behavioral Guidance and Management for the Pediatric Dental Patient.

This dynamic course was developed by experts in the field and provides essential strategies, communication guidelines and protocols for working with children and special needs patients.

"After completing the course, I have really seen a difference in how I interact with patients. I even have one patient who now specifically requests to see me," says Jenerial Oguin-Cherry, a CDA from Texas.

Completing the DALE Foundation's online interactive Behavioral Guidance and Management for the

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Pediatric Dental Patient course can boost your confidence and help patient visits run more smoothly; you'll cover essential topics and learn how to:

- Understand age-specific mental, emotional and social developmental features of the pediatric dental patient
- Recognize the importance of flexibility and adaptability when working with pediatric and special needs patients
- Communicate and respond appropriately when faced with challenging behaviors in pediatric and special needs patients
- Apply commonly used behavior management techniques to virtual interactions with pediatric and special needs patients

"The information that you learn applies to patients in all types of practices, specialty and general," Oguin-Cherry adds. "I would absolutely recommend this course to others."

As with other courses from the DALE Foundation, Behavioral Guidance and Management for the Pediatric Dental Patient includes printable notes and valuable resources, like patient guidelines and sample informed consent forms.



The course was developed by the DALE Foundation in conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) and AAPD subject matter experts Sarat Thikkurissy, D.D.S., M.S.; Man Wai Ng, D.D.S., M.P.H.; and Tiffany Benton, CDA; and with pediatric dental office manager Amy Paundlay, CDA.

The DALE Foundation is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider, and participants earn 6 CE credits upon successful completion of the course.

To learn more, visit www.dalefoundation.org.

Did you know...?

The DALE Foundation's DANB RHS Review course can help meet requirements to perform dental radiographic procedures in Ohio and Virginia. Other states are also considering recognition of this DALE Foundation course.

In Ohio, completing the DANB RHS Review with a minimum of 75 percent on the post-course assessment meets the education requirements toward earning state certification as a dental assistant radiographer.*

In Virginia, completing the DALE Foundation's DANB RHS Review and passing the DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam is one way to meet state requirements to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures.*

Information about additional state-specific requirements, fees and documentation is available from the DALE Foundation's website, www.dalefoundation.org, under Resources & State Requirements > State Dental Assistant Requirements.

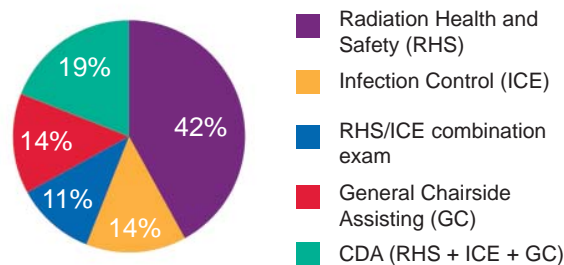
*Additional requirements may apply. Please check with your state's dental board for complete information.

Cast your vote! New DALE Foundation poll available

Last month, the DALE Foundation asked: "Are you planning to take a DANB exam in the next two months?"

According to survey results, the answer is a resounding "yes!" Nearly half (42 percent) of respondents are planning to take DANB's Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam, followed by 19 percent aiming to take the CDA exam.

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This month, the DALE Foundation wants to know: How do you earn your CE? Cast your vote at www.dalefoundation.org!

Coming soon! New CE options

The DALE Foundation will soon launch a new series of continuing education options for the dental team. The new program, Continuing Dental Education Articles (CDEA™), is a series of online interactive articles, with CE credits awarded upon successful completion of the post-article assessment.

Each module covers a specific topic that dental teams deal with on a day-to-day basis. The first module, "An Overview of Modern Dental Cementation and Adhesive Systems," is scheduled to be released this summer. This topic covers items like commonly used dental cements, the properties and primary uses of dental cements, and the advantages and disadvantages of various adhesive systems.

To help guide learners to the topic that is right for them, the learning level for each module will be noted. For example, although learners of any level of experience can take any CDEA module, modules noted as "level one" are targeted toward those with entry-level to two years of dental office experience; "level two" modules are for those with at least two years of experience and/or at least one year of formal education in an oral healthcare field.

"The DALE Foundation is committed to serving all dental assistants — including those who are looking for new ways to earn continuing education credit," says the DALE Foundation's Executive Director Cindy Durlley. "The CDEA modules and assessments are developed and reviewed by our expert editorial consultants, to ensure our e-learning offerings are of the highest quality."

The Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) will continue to offer its own CE program, Professional Development Examination Program (PDEP), until it can be fully transferred to the DALE Foundation. In the meantime, DANB certificants will be able to select from both programs to meet their continuing education needs.

The DALE Foundation celebrates at Hinman

Dental professionals gathered during the 101st Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting to celebrate with the DALE Foundation.



Raffle winners (from left) Rhonda Smith, Lina Palacio and Robert Shepard.

Attendees had the opportunity to network with other dental professionals, preview the DALE Foundation's e-learning products, enjoy refreshments and pick up free giveaways.

During the reception, the DALE Foundation raffled off three e-learning courses and an American Express gift card. The raffle winners were Rhonda Smith, Lina Palacio and Robert Shepard.

One attendee said, "It was a great reception — good food and nice prizes!"

The DALE Foundation will host receptions at the upcoming Pacific Northwest Dental Conference in June and American Dental Association Annual Session in October.

Email Lstevens@dalefoundation.org if you'd like more information or would like to attend either event!

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You Could Be Next!

Congratulations to Debra J. McIntyre, CDA, from Warren, Ohio, who recognized her DANB certification number in the spring 2013 *Certified Press*.

If your certification number matches one of the randomly selected numbers below, you can win a \$50 prize. Notify the DANB Marketing Department at communications@danb.org within 30 days to claim your \$50 prize. Be sure to include your name, address and certification number.

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Enjoy the DALE Foundation reception at PNDC

Join the DALE Foundation and other dental assistants, dental office managers and educators at a reception during the 2013 Pacific Northwest Dental Conference.

The reception will be held on Friday, June 14, 2013, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue in the Cedar Ballroom. Attendees can try out e-learning courses and study aids, enjoy food and open bar, network with fellow dental professionals and enter to win exciting raffle prizes.

Attendees must RSVP by June 10, 2013, to lstevens@dalefoundation.org.

Calendar of Events

DANB and the DALE Foundation are exhibiting at upcoming dental conventions. Please stop by our booth for free gifts and information on our latest courses and study aids.

Pacific Northwest Dental Conference
June 13-14, Bellevue, WA
www.wsda.org/pndc

Academy of General Dentistry Annual Meeting & Exhibits
June 23-30, Nashville, TN
www.agd.org/2/nashville/

California Dental Association
August 15-17, San Francisco, CA
www.cdapresents.com/Anaheim2013.aspx

American Association of Dental Office Managers Annual Conference
September 19-20, Orlando, FL
www.dentalmanagersconference.com

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The DANB Mission

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.