



Winners selected for the ADAA/DANB Scholarship

The American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) and the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) have selected the winners of the 2013 ADAA/DANB Scholarship.

The ADAA/DANB Scholarship was developed as a joint initiative by ADAA and DANB for the purpose of helping dental assistants turn their professional development plans into reality. The scholarship committee evaluated the finalists on several factors, including goals and quality of the professional development plan. In addition to the scholarship award, the ADAA will waive the 2014 ADAA membership fees (national and state) for all five scholarship recipients.

The awards ceremony was held Oct. 31 at the 2013 ADAA Annual Session in New Orleans. The scholarship committee selected five winners for this year's ADAA/DANB Scholarship.

Theresa Anderson, of Wentzville, Mo., plans to use her scholarship award to earn DANB certification and ADAA Fellowship. "This scholarship will help me be the best dental assistant I can be," she says. Anderson, a dental assistant for 37 years, was encouraged to earn DANB certification and ADAA Fellowship by her colleague Tija Hunter, CDA; Anderson and Hunter have encouraged the other assistants in the office to aim for their career goals, as well.



Brittany Ashenfelter, CDA, (center) with scholarship committee members Mary Harrison, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, FADAA (left) and Nanette Hill, CDA.

Brittany Ashenfelter, CDA, of Indianapolis, Ind., will apply her scholarship award toward earning a master's degree in clinical research administration. Ashenfelter is the program chair and director of dental-related programs at Medtech College in Indianapolis, and she served as 2012-2013 president of the Indiana Dental Assistants Association. "My goal is to bring educational opportunities and professional development to all dental assistants in the U.S.," she says.

Nicole Calderone, of Hemet, Calif., is pursuing California's Registered Dental Assistant in Expanded Functions II (RDAEF II) program. Calderone currently works at Glidewell Dental Laboratories and is attending UCLA's RDAEF program. She plans to pass her state exams in the summer of 2014. "I feel honored to be a member of ADAA and believe I have what it takes to help improve the dental health field," she says.

Fanice Jean-Baptiste, of Lynn, Mass., plans to earn DANB's Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification and will apply her scholarship award to the General Chairside Assisting (GC) component exam fees. Jean-Baptiste works at Great Hill Dental, which she says opened her eyes to what the future could hold. "Working there has made me realize there are more opportunities out there if I continue my education," she says. In addition to earning her CDA certification, Jean-Baptiste is pursuing an associate's degree.

Maria Urita, CDA, of Joppa, Md., will use her scholarship award toward earning DANB's Certified Restorative Function Dental Assistant (CRFDA) certification. She plans to prepare for the certification exams by completing courses through Harford Community



Theresa Anderson (center) with scholarship committee members Nanette Hill, CDA, (left) and Mary Harrison, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, FADAA.

College. Urita says she focused her long-term career plans on providing better services to patients. "In the future, I hope to work at dental practices where professional care does not depend on the patient's social or economic status," she says.

"As America's largest membership organization for dental assistants, the ADAA is proud to partner with DANB to recognize the deserving recipients of this new scholarship to help take their careers to the next level," says ADAA Immediate Past President Carolyn Breen, CDA, RDA, RDH, Ed.D.

"Both ADAA and DANB promote lifelong learning, and we are excited that this year's winners will receive the additional funds necessary to help them achieve their DANB certification, continuing education and other professional development goals," says DANB Board Chair Frank Maggio, D.D.S.

The ADAA/DANB Scholarship is a joint collaboration between the ADAA and DANB. Information about the 2014 ADAA/DANB Scholarship will be announced in the coming months. To learn more, visit www.dentalassistant.org or www.danb.org.

DANB reports exam performance results

To maintain DANB's high standards, meet accreditation standards established by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and meet certifying board recognition criteria established by the American Dental Association (ADA), DANB regularly reviews its exams. On Oct. 4, 2013, DANB submitted its Annual Report with recent certification and exam figures to ADA's Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL).

As of Oct. 2, 2013, DANB had 35,092 Certified Dental Assistants (CDAs), 1,446 Certified Orthodontic Assistants (COAs), 266 Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistants (CPFDA), 62 Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistants (CRFDAs), 317 Certified Dental Practice Management Administrators (CDPMAs) and 186 Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistants (COMSAs), for a total of 37,369 individual DANB certifications held by 36,369 current DANB certificants.

The new DANB Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant (CRFDA) component exams were pretested from Aug. 1, 2012, through Nov. 30, 2012. DANB officially launched the CRFDA certification program in April 2013; eligible CRFDA exam candidates were able to begin registering to test as of May 1, 2013.

DANB discontinued the COMSA exam in 2000 and the CDPMA exam in 2008; both exams were discontinued

due to very low candidate volumes, which would call into question the reliability and validity of the exam results. DANB's CDA and COA certification programs, and the component exams they include, meet NCCA accreditation standards. DANB will apply for NCCA accreditation of its CPFDA and CRFDA certification program in 2014, when these programs meet NCCA's initial criteria for accreditation evaluation.

Comparing FY 12-13 to FY 11-12, DANB experienced a 6.71% increase in candidate volume overall; a 6.6% increase in national exam candidates and a 7.5% increase in state-specific exam candidates.

Pathway pass rates review

Each year, DANB applies inferential statistics to passing rates of candidates who take the General Chairside Assisting (GC) component of the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam through eligibility Pathway I (graduates of CODA-accredited dental assisting programs) and Pathway II (candidates who are on-the-job trained [OJT], with at least 3,500 hours of dental assisting work experience acquired over a 24- to 48-month period).

At its August 2013 meeting, DANB's Board of Directors reviewed passing rate comparison results for these two GC exam eligibility pathways. Performance

data have been compared each year since 1998.

DANB staff will continue to monitor the pass/fail rates of candidates taking the GC component of the CDA exam across eligibility pathways, and report to CDEL again in October 2014.

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DANB continues work with U.S. Air Force

For several years, DANB has collaborated with the Air Force Dental Service (AFDS) to help military personnel earn DANB certification. In the most recent initiative in this collaboration, DANB's official affiliate, the DALE Foundation, will provide study aids to help AFDS students prepare for DANB exams. Turn to p. 6 for the full story.

Word from the Chair

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



Happy New Year! I hope your holiday season was filled with health, happiness and celebrations. This issue of *Certified Press* is also filled with celebrations — featuring the many career milestones of DANB certificants.

We've been hearing for years that dental assisting is a growing field. As a result, another trend we're seeing is that dental assistants are more often being appointed to serve on state dental boards. These new board positions underscore the important role that assistants play in the delivery of quality oral healthcare.

On page 3, we hear from Kara Baza and Bree Kramer, two DANB certificants who were appointed as Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries to serve on Washington state's Dental Quality Assurance Commission. Also on page 3, Kerri Friel discusses her role on the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry and how it felt to be the first Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) to hold a seat on the board.

We know that a team approach is so important in dentistry, and on page 6 Darla Cox shares her story about the road to earning DANB certification. She says the support from her doctor and dental team made a tremendous impact. There are many other dental assistants making headlines. Turn to page 1 to read about the winners of the ADA/DANB Scholarship and how they plan to use their awards to fund their professional development goals.

If you're looking to take your career to the next level, check out page 7 to read about the latest from DANB's official affiliate, the DALE Foundation — including recently earning AGD PACE program provider approval.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Certified Press*. As always, we appreciate your feedback! Dental Assistants Recognition Week is just around the corner, and we'll be shining the spotlight on even more DANB certificants. Please send in your stories of excellence to DANB at marketing@danb.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Congratulations to Emeritus Certificants

August 1, 2013 – October 31, 2013

Name/State	Certification Year
Catherine Breeze, CDA-Emeritus, ME	2007
Diana, Brennan, CDA-Emeritus, VA	1985
Nancy Brown, CDA-Emeritus, MA	1986
Elizabeth Clinton, CDA-Emeritus, MO	1969
Susan Corriveau, CDA-Emeritus, CT	1992
Vicki Edwards, CDA-Emeritus, IN	1978
Judy Euge Taylor, CDA-Emeritus, CA	1984
Donna Fleming, CDA-Emeritus, TN	1982
Janice Freitag, CDA-Emeritus, MN	1996
Beverly Gilden, CDA-Emeritus, NY	1971
Mary Hanneken, CDA-Emeritus, MO	1984
Sandra Knarvik, CDA-Emeritus, FL	1984
Ann Leigh, CDA-Emeritus, COA-Emeritus, NC	1994
Donette Lowman, CDA-Emeritus, TN	1986
Linda Menyo, CDA-Emeritus, MA	1976
Mary Mitchell, CDA-Emeritus, MN	1970
Rae La Nicholson, CDA-Emeritus, OH	1982
Susan Niles, CDA-Emeritus, FL	2006
Stacy O'Connell, CDA-Emeritus, OR	1975
Maryann Potts, CDA-Emeritus, IN	1996
Tamra Schelke, CDA-Emeritus, MI	1979
Kathleen Sterling, CDA-Emeritus, IA	1968
Patricia Walker, CDA-Emeritus, NC	1971
Judy White, CDA-Emeritus, NE	1971
Donna Zug, CDA-Emeritus, MN	1977

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

2014 application packets effective Jan. 1

Reminder: DANB's 2013 national exam application packets were valid only through Dec. 31, 2013. Dental assisting program directors were mailed copies of the 2014 exam application packets in December; educators can also request copies of the 2014 exam applications or download PDFs at www.danb.org.

Exam program results (cont.)

Pass/Fail Results for DANB National Exams

CDA*	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	2160	2136
Pass	1561	1489
Fail	599	647
Pass Rate	72%	70%

GC only	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	1864	1971
Pass	1598	1641
Fail	266	330
Pass Rate	86%	83%

ICE only	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	2466	2892
Pass	2186	2506
Fail	280	386
Pass Rate	89%	87%

RHS only	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	9185	9384
Pass	6334	6571
Fail	2851	2813
Pass Rate	69%	70%

COA*	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	67	74
Pass	41	50
Fail	26	24
Pass Rate	61%	68%

OA only	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	35	54
Pass	25	42
Fail	10	12
Pass Rate	71%	78%

RHS/ICE	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	1298	1342
Pass	744	835
Fail	554	507
Pass Rate	57%	62%

CPFDA*	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	17	20
Pass	3	10
Fail	14	10
Pass Rate	18%	50%

CP	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	449	517
Pass	290	380
Fail	159	137
Pass Rate	65%	74%

SE	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	42	47
Pass	29	30
Fail	13	17
Pass Rate	69%	64%

TF	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	45	37
Pass	15	17
Fail	30	20
Pass Rate	33%	46%

TA	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	6	8
Pass	5	7
Fail	1	1
Pass Rate	83%	88%

CRFDA*	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	N/A	See below

AMP	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	N/A	5
Pass	N/A	5
Fail	N/A	0
Pass Rate	N/A	100%

RF	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	N/A	1
Pass	N/A	1
Fail	N/A	0
Pass Rate	N/A	100%

IM/TMP	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	N/A	3
Pass	N/A	2
Fail	N/A	1
Pass Rate	N/A	67%

IS/SE/RF	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	N/A	4
Pass	N/A	2
Fail	N/A	2
Pass Rate	N/A	50%

IS/RF	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	N/A	112
Pass	N/A	87
Fail	N/A	25
Pass Rate	N/A	78%

AMP/IM/TMP	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	N/A	109
Pass	N/A	82
Fail	N/A	27
Pass Rate	N/A	75%

AMP/IM/TMP/IS	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Total candidates	N/A	69
Pass	N/A	14
Fail	N/A	55
Pass Rate	N/A	20%

Total national exams: 18,801 (represents ~90% of all DANB exams administered in FY 12-13, testing a total of 21,063 candidates [the balance taking DANB-administered state-specific exams]).

* The CDA pass rate reflects those who passed all three CDA component exams (GC, RHS, ICE) in the same administration. The COA pass rate reflects those who passed both COA component exams (OA, ICE) in the same administration. The RHS/ICE pass rate reflects those who passed both the RHS and ICE exams in the same administration. DANB launched the CPFDA certification program in April 2011. The CPFDA pass rate reflects those who passed the four CPFDA component exams (CP, SE, TF, TA) in one administration. DANB launched the CRFDA certification program in May 2013. Unlike the other DANB certification programs, the CRFDA component exams are not offered in one administration called "CRFDA" due to seat time requirements.

Dental assistants serve on commissions, protect public health

In the growing field of dental assisting, dental assistants are more often being appointed to serve on state dental boards. These new board positions underscore the important role that assistants play in the delivery of quality oral healthcare. The stories below highlight dental assistants appointed to serve on boards in Washington and Rhode Island. In your job, how do you protect public health? Send your stories to marketing@danb.org.

This summer, Kara Baza and Bree Kramer, both DANB Certified Dental Assistants (CDA) and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries (EFDA), were appointed to Washington state's Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC).

Baza and Kramer, along with the others serving on the commission, are dedicated to improving the health and safety of patients across the state. A commissioner's responsibilities include attending regular meetings throughout the year, serving on standing committees, reading all meeting materials and files, participating in in-person panels and conference calls, and providing expertise or other assistance, as necessary.

According to Baza, serving on DQAC has been a rewarding experience — especially being part of a dedicated team. "It's just amazing to work with so many colleagues striving to set and maintain a standard of care," she stresses. "They truly do have the patients' best interest at heart."

Baza says working in healthcare was something she knew she always wanted to do. "I enjoy taking care of people and fixing things; I have also always been fascinated by health science," she explains. "Dentistry is a fulfilling fit for me because it satisfies both my artistic and technical characteristics. It's always something different and presents challenges on a daily basis."



Bree Kramer, CDA, EFDA, was appointed to Washington's Dental Quality Assurance Commission in 2013.

In her 14-year career, Baza says becoming an EFDA was one of her greatest milestones. Her employer has been a big source of support in her career and encourages continuing education. "The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry offers my favorite meeting, and I look forward to it every year," Baza notes. "I come back a better clinician each year after the conference."

Her proudest moments are all related to patient care. "There is nothing more gratifying than restoring a person's smile — whether it be reconstruction from a trauma or desired esthetics," Baza states. "I've been lucky to be a part of some amazing cases and be truly appreciated for it."

Kramer says she pursued a career in dental assisting because she was looking for a change — and dental assisting looked like a fun and exciting career. "It has proven to be that and much more," she states.

Kramer earned DANB certification more than 10 years ago and says it was one of her proudest career moments, along with receiving her Washington EFDA license.

For Kramer, serving on the commission has been an eye-opening experience. "It's been intriguing learning about and becoming a part of the process of ensuring the public's safety," she explains, adding that



"It's amazing to work with so many colleagues striving to set and maintain a standard of care," says Kara Baza, CDA, EFDA, of her experience with DQAC.

she has a new appreciation for the time and effort involved in writing bills and passing laws.

Future of dental assisting

As longtime DANB certificants, both Baza and Kramer say the distinction of holding certification is a source of pride. "I think it's the only thing in Washington state that sets you apart from the average dental assistant," Baza says. "Having your CDA tests your competency; it sets a standard of skills and proves that you possess those skills."

Kramer agrees: "DANB certification has given me opportunities beyond my wildest dreams; it consistently seems to open more doors for growth both personally and professionally. I also feel it shows my employer how much I care about my career and the importance of extended learning and staying up-to-date with the latest advancements."

For the future of the profession, Baza would like to see more educational opportunities for dental assistants. "We learn so much from our side of the chair, there is a huge value to our experience," she explains. "I think chairside experience could function as prerequisites to future programs. I'm thrilled with the addition of EFDA to our state, and I hope to see our jurisdiction expand."

Kramer would also like to see expansion in the field. "I would really like to see a greater number of dental assistants receive their EFDA license in Washington state," she says. "I also feel it would be beneficial for more states to allow dental assistants to perform expanded functions, thus allowing the public more access to care."

Friel joins Rhode Island dental board

Kerri Friel, CDA, COA, RDH, is the first dental assistant to hold a position on the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry. Last summer, a bill creating a position on the board for a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) was signed into law. Friel, an associate professor at the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI), was appointed to the position by Governor Lincoln Chafee.

The Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry is responsible for ensuring all dental professionals meet state requirements. In addition to ensuring compliance with the law, the board oversees complaints, disciplinary actions and dental office inspections.

Friel says serving on the board is one of the greatest achievements of her almost-20-year career. She attended her first board meeting in September and is stepping into new roles. "I am currently serving on the subcommittees for rules and regulation changes," she explains. "Part of the bill that added a CDA to the board also had language that the board should develop rules and procedures to implement a list of all dental assistants practicing in the state. I am proud to be part of that process."

But serving on the board is just one aspect of Friel's busy career. Before working in education, Friel started out as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH). "The job market was a bit tight, and I had a few part-time jobs," she recounts. "I saw an ad that caught my eye; it was an orthodontic practice that was looking for a full-time RDH to work as an orthodontic assistant."



Kerri Friel, CDA, COA, RDH, is the first dental assistant to serve on the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry.

After going on a working interview, Friel was hired and soon realized her passion for dental assisting: "I quickly fell in love with the fast-paced environment and variety of tasks that I was performing."

Friel worked at the practice for two years, earning her DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) certification in 2000. Two years later, she earned her CDA certification. For the last 14 years, Friel has worked in education at CCRI. "I am grateful for the opportunity to educate new dental assisting professionals each year," she says, adding that she encourages her students to take DANB's Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) and Infection Control (ICE) exams and work toward certification after they graduate.

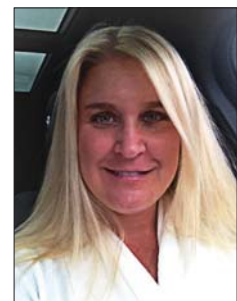
Friel is proud of her DANB certifications and passes the importance of education and certification on to her students. "DANB certificants are held in high regard in this state and are allowed to work under the direct supervision of the dentist," she states. "As part of DANB's renewal requirements, certificants must meet mandatory continuing education requirements to keep their certification current and are also required to maintain their CPR certification. I feel this sets them apart from other non-certified dental assistants in the state."

In the coming years, Friel hopes to see respect for dental assistants continue to rise. "I would like to see dental assisting be recognized more as a professional career, and not just a stepping stone to other careers in the dental field," she says. "I think education and credentialing are the keys!"

Cynthia Lizano finds her calling in oral surgery

Cynthia Lizano, CDA, discovered her passion for dental assisting early on in high school, as a patient at her orthodontist's office. Thanks to the kind and enthusiastic dental assistants who worked to make her feel as comfortable as possible in the dental chair, Lizano quickly realized dental assisting might be a future career path.

After graduating from high school, Lizano attended Tunxis Community College, a CO-DA-accredited dental assisting program in Connecticut. "I had two job offers prior to attending Tunxis, but turned them down," Lizano says. "I knew getting a formal education in dental assisting would help in the long term and knew there would be other job opportunities once I graduated."



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DANB's 2014 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 the individual does not renew 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.

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 reinstated 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, 2014.

December 1, 2013

A renewal notice is mailed to certificant.

January 15, 2014

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

January 16, 2014

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

February 28, 2014

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

March 31, 2014

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

April 16, 2014

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 (e.g., 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).

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

DANB-Accepted CPR, BLS and ACLS 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 2014 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 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.

The many ways to earn CDE

As DANB certificants know, passing the exams and earning the certifications is just the beginning of a lifelong career. Maintaining DANB certifications requires meeting annual recertification requirements, including earning Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credits.

There are many ways to earn CDE credits, such as clinical activities, dental office management activities, and volunteering, among others. Many DANB certificants may not realize that successfully passing a DANB exam is another way to earn CDE credits.

Passing a DANB component exam is a great option for DANB certificants who are interested in earning an additional certification — particularly DANB's Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) and Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant (CRFDA) certifications. For example, DANB certificants can take and pass one or two component exams each year to earn CDE credits while working toward the new certification.

Another great way to earn CDE credits is through the DALE Foundation, the official DANB affiliate. The DALE Foundation offers several review courses on the topics covered on DANB's CDA exam; however, these review courses are not just for exam prep — they are also a great way to earn CDE credits conveniently and affordably. The DALE Foundation also offers several courses in office management topics that can be used to meet DANB's Recertification Requirements. To see the full course catalog, visit www.dalefoundation.org.

To learn more about how to maintain your DANB certification and what types of activities you can receive CDE credit for, download *DANB's Recertification Requirements* from www.danb.org > Maintain Certification.

How do you earn CDE each year? Tell us at communications@danb.org.

Many DANB certificants may not realize that successfully passing an additional DANB exam is another way to earn CDE credits.

DANB continues to work with U.S. Air Force

For several years, DANB has collaborated with the Air Force Dental Service (AFDS) to help military personnel earn DANB certification. The relationship between DANB and the AFDS began in 2009, when DANB began administering its Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) and Infection Control (ICE) exams at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas.

In the most recent initiative in this collaboration, DANB's affiliate, the DALE Foundation, will provide study aids to help AFDS students prepare for DANB exams.

"In addition to administering DANB's RHS and ICE exams to AFDS students, we have worked with the AFDS to provide their students with the DALE Foundation's DANB RHS Practice Test and DANB ICE Practice Test," explains Cindy Durley, M.Ed., MBA, Executive Director of DANB and the DALE Foundation. "These are wonderful tools to help

prepare for DANB exams and certification in an interactive and engaging way."

To date, more than 1,200 candidates in the AFDS dental technician training program have taken DANB exams. Because the AFDS dental assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), AFDS graduates are also eligible to take DANB's GC exam at the conclusion of their education program. Passing DANB exams can help military personnel meet civilian dental assisting standards and ease the transition from military life to a rewarding civilian career.

"We're happy to continue our partnership with the Air Force to offer DANB exams and DALE Foundation study materials to their students," Durley says. "We hope to continue working with the Air Force for many years to come, and build new relationships with other branches of the military and other federal services agencies."

To date, more than 1,200 candidates in the AFDS dental technician training program have taken DANB exams.

Reminder: DANB's RHS PDEP discontinued

DANB continues to transition its CDE offerings to the DALE Foundation. The most recent change in this process is the discontinuation of DANB's Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) Professional Development Exam Program (PDEP) as of Jan. 1, 2014. However, certificants who have already received a renewal notice that lists RHS PDEP can still order this program if this renewal notice is mailed in with payment.

PDEP products, which are available to all current DANB certificants, include a packet of articles from dental journals and a 50-question assessment. PDEP costs \$75 and is worth 12 CDE credits upon successful completion.

DANB's Pediatric Dentistry PDEP module, which covers topics ranging from oral piercing injuries to the effects of poverty on children's oral health, will still be available, along with the Sedation in Pediatric Dentistry PDEP module.

The DALE Foundation, the official DANB affiliate, offers several interactive e-learning courses for DANB certificants to earn anywhere from 3 to 12 CDE credits. The DALE Foundation's review courses for DANB exams, including the DANB RHS Review, DANB ICE Review, DANB GC Review Part I and DANB GC Review Part II, are each worth 12 CDE credits upon successful completion.

The latest offering from the DALE Foundation is a short course on Dental Cements and Adhesives, worth 3 CDE credits. Courses on dental office management topics are also available. To learn more about the DALE Foundation's offerings, visit www.dalefoundation.org > Courses and Study Aids > Product Catalog.

For more information about PDEP and other CDE opportunities, go to www.danb.org > Maintain Certification > CDE Opportunities.

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Lizano was correct in her assumptions, and soon after graduating from her dental assisting program, she was offered a job at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn., working in the oral surgery department. It was here that she would find her desire to work beyond general dentistry. "I wanted to do more," she says. "For me, oral surgery is very exciting — you never know what to expect."

Lizano earned her DANB CDA certification in 1988 and believes in the importance of certification exams for the dental assisting profession. "I hire all of the assistants in our dental office, and a DANB certification can make or break a resume," she explains. "If I have two resumes in front of me, one candidate with DANB credentials and one without, I'd choose the certified assistant hands down."

Currently, Lizano works alongside her husband, who owns an implant dentistry practice in Danville, Calif. She enjoys the thrill of not knowing what each day might bring in a practice where she does everything from assisting during oral surgery to infection control procedures to scheduling appointments.

"Dental assisting requires a talent for multitasking," Lizano says. "I'm constantly busy, always thinking about and anticipating what comes next in the office or during surgery, which keeps me interested and loving my career."

Support can be key in earning DANB certification

While earning DANB certification is an individual accomplishment, the road to certification often includes people behind the scenes who influence and encourage — supporters and mentors who share in the pride of striving for and attaining goals.

Darla Cox, CDA, is the second dental assistant at Jackson Dental in Jackson, Mo. — an office that includes three dentists, three registered hygienists, five assistants and four front office staff — to earn DANB certification. "I've always wanted to be certified," Cox recalls, noting that her co-workers "were all very supportive and very proud of my accomplishment" when she earned CDA certification in 2013.

Cox credits her sister with introducing her to the idea of a career in the dental field. "My sister works in a dental office, and it seemed very interesting and rewarding," Cox says. She received her training on the job from Dr. Charles Wilson. Cox continued to work with Dr. Wilson for 10 years, until his retirement. She was then offered a position by Dr. Robert Etherton at Jackson Dental, where she has worked for six years.

"I value the knowledge and experience that is required to earn this certification," says Dr. Etherton, who is clearly proud of the dental team's accomplishments. "Darla is our second certified assistant; Nicole, who is also certified, helped Darla with studying and preparing for the exam."

"Encouragement and opportunity are great tools to provide as assistants work toward certification," Dr. Etherton continues. "We encourage our assistants to seek certification, and we attend several continuing education courses as an office."

Certification "gives you more confidence in your ability to perform your job," Cox says, noting that her next step will be to become an expanded functions dental assistant. She encourages other dental assistants considering certification to "study hard and definitely take the test; you will not regret it."



Darla Cox, CDA, (front row, fourth from right) says her co-workers at Jackson Dental "were all very supportive and very proud" when she earned CDA certification in 2013.

The DALE Foundation approved as an AGD PACE program provider

The DALE Foundation has received Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE) by the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD)*. The continuing education programs offered by AGD PACE providers are accepted by AGD for Fellowship, Mastership and membership maintenance credit. Additionally, many state dental boards recognize AGD PACE providers as meeting state requirements for continuing dental education.

PACE approval is a rigorous process that establishes standards of excellence, and also determines whether approved organizations continue to uphold quality standards.

"The DALE Foundation is proud to be approved as an AGD PACE provider," said Cindy Durley, M.Ed., MBA, Executive Director of the DALE Foundation. "This industry approval underscores our commitment to providing quality continuing education and is one more way we assure

our learners they are receiving excellent review courses and study aids."

The DALE Foundation is also recognized by the American Dental Association (ADA) Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) as a Recognized Provider.

To learn more about the DALE Foundation's offerings, visit www.dalefoundation.org > Courses and Study Aids > Product Catalog Search.

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Mescain receives Patterson scholarship award

Cecilia Mescain, FAADOM, says she was surprised and honored to be named one of eight recipients of a Patterson Dental scholarship to attend the 2013 American Association of Dental Office Managers (AADOM) annual conference.



"This is a passion," Mescain says about her commitment to work as operations director for Smile Central Dental in Paterson, N.J. — a growing pediatric dental practice providing affordable dentistry for children.

Mescain began working in the dental field 17 years ago as a dental office receptionist. In 2002, she met a young dentist working at a busy inner-city dental clinic; Mescain recalls telling Dr. Robert Grunstein, who recognized the need for affordable dental services for children, that he should start his own practice. In 2004, Dr. Grunstein did just that, and Mescain has worked for the practice ever since, first as dental office manager and today as the operations director for the entire practice, which has expanded to include four office locations plus a mobile unit in an antique fire truck.

While looking for educational opportunities, Mescain became involved with AADOM, attending conferences and eventually earning Fellowship with the class of 2011, which she says was a great way to keep educating herself while motivating other staff — "to lead by example and create more people who do what I do," Mescain says. As part of AADOM's Fellowship requirements, Mescain took the DALE Foundation's Accounts Receivable for the Dental Office and HR Fundamentals for the Dental Office online courses. The courses were "awesome," she says, and offered information she could relate to her everyday work.

In her role as operations director, Mescain now oversees four other office managers. She stresses her commitment to continuing education and the importance of leading by example: "You have to practice to build a practice," she says. Keeping up with education makes you "more valuable not only to your practice but to the entire dental field."

The DALE Foundation celebrates in the Big Easy

Dental professionals gathered during the American Dental Association (ADA) and American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) Annual Sessions in New Orleans to celebrate with the DALE Foundation. At the reception — the largest to date, with more than 100 attendees — guests had the opportunity to try out new DALE Foundation course offerings, network with dental industry colleagues and enter to win exciting raffle prizes.

"I saw and met lots of great people in the industry and spoke with several dental assistants from across the country," one attendee said. "The reception was a great venue; the atmosphere was very upbeat and fun!"

During the reception, the DALE Foundation raffled off three e-learning courses and an American Express gift card. The raffle winners were: Karen Minca, CDPMA; Tija Hunter, CDA; Nichole Rojas; and Christy Thengvall.

The DALE Foundation will host receptions at the following professional dental meetings in 2014: Yankee Dental Congress, California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers, Nation's Capital Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting, The Texas Meeting and ADA

Annual Session. To attend one of these receptions or for more information, email Lstevens@dalefoundation.org.

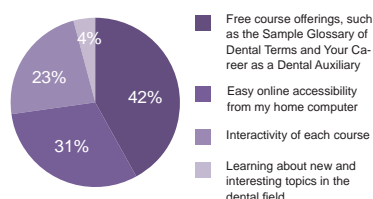


From left to right: DALE Foundation President-Elect Ginny Jorgensen, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, A.A.S.; Tija Hunter, CDA; DALE Foundation Marketing Project Manager Lindsay Stevens; Christy Thengvall; and Nichole Rojas.

The DALE Foundation wants to know: What is your professional goal for 2014?

In August 2013, the DALE Foundation asked what you enjoy most about the DALE Foundation's e-learning products. The poll revealed you enjoy our free course offerings, such as the Sample Glossary of Dental Terms and Your Career as a Dental Auxiliary, most, followed by easy online access from a home computer.

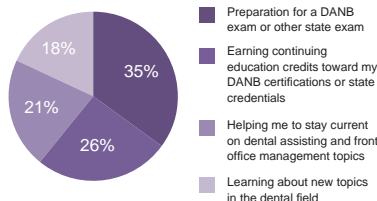
What do you enjoy most about the DALE Foundation's e-learning products?



In September's poll, the DALE Foundation asked: "What role do you see the DALE Foundation playing in your career development?" According to the results, the DALE Foundation will help you prepare

for a DANB exam or other state examination, followed by earning continuing education credits toward DANB certifications or state credentials.

What role do you see the DALE Foundation playing in your career development?



Head to www.dalefoundation.org to cast your vote in January's poll: "What is your professional goal for 2014?"

Changes to Behavioral Guidance course category

The DALE Foundation has made a change to the CE category for the Behavioral Guidance and Management for the Pediatric Dental Patient course.

After careful review, the DALE Foundation determined that the course covers clinical information and should be listed as category 1 under DANB's Recertification Requirements. Previously, the course was listed as non-clinical (category 2). DANB will accept this course under either category through Dec. 31, 2014, after which it will be accepted under category 1.

The update has been made, and you can now apply the 6 CE credits earned after course completion toward the clinical category to meet DANB's Recertification Requirements.

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RSVP to the DALE Foundation reception at Yankee Dental Congress

Join your fellow dental assistants, dental office managers and educators at the DALE Foundation's reception during the 2014 Yankee Dental Congress in Boston.

The reception will take place on Friday, Jan. 31, 2014, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel in Commonwealth Ballroom A. Attendees can try out e-learning courses and study aids, enjoy light refreshments and drinks, network with fellow dental professionals and enter to win raffle prizes.

Attendees must RSVP by Jan. 27, 2014, 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.

Rocky Mountain Dental Convention
Jan. 23-25, Denver, CO
<http://www.rmdonline.com>

Yankee Dental Congress
Jan. 30-Feb.1, Boston, MA
<http://www.yankeedental.com>

Chicago Midwinter Dental Meeting
Feb. 20-22, Chicago, IL
<http://www.cds.org/mwm>

Nation's Capital Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting
Mar. 13-15, Washington, D.C.
<http://www.thencdm.org/>

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