

# DANB's Code of Professional Conduct

Abbreviated Version

The Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) established *DANB's Code of Professional Conduct* to promote quality and ethical practice, and to assist DANB Individuals\* in understanding their ethical responsibilities to patients, employers, professional colleagues, the dental assisting profession, and the public.

All DANB Individuals must abide by *DANB's Code of Professional Conduct* and must maintain high standards of ethics and excellence in all areas of professional endeavor.

Violating DANB's Code of Professional Conduct, including but not limited to commission of any act specifically prohibited in DANB's Disciplinary Policy & Procedures, may result in disciplinary action and the imposition of sanctions.

### **Individual Autonomy and Respect for Others**

DANB Individuals have a duty to respect the individuality, humanity, and autonomy of all people.

### **Health and Well-Being of Patients and Colleagues**

DANB Individuals have a duty to refrain from harming others.

DANBs Individuals have a duty to protect the health and well-being of patients and colleagues.

#### **Justice and Fairness**

DANB Individuals have a duty to treat all people fairly.

#### **Truth**

DANB Individuals have a duty to communicate truthfully.

### Confidentiality

DANB Individuals have a duty to respect the right to confidentiality of each patient.

## Responsibility to Profession, Community, and Society

DANB Individuals have a duty to know and act within the law and to assist others to act within the law.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;DANB Individuals" is an inclusive term that refers to all DANB exam applicants, DANB exam candidates, DANB certificants (NELDA, CDA, COA, COFDA, CRFDA, CDPMA, COMSA), and those who hold DANB certificates of knowledge-based competence (RHS, ICE, CP, SE, TA, TF, AMP, IM, TMP, IS). See Definitions section of the unabbreviated document for additional detail.