



Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.  
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**Date:** January 28, 2019  
**To:** DANB Communities of Interest  
**From:** Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB)  
**Re:** Summary of major actions taken by DANB’s Board of Directors at the Aug. 10-11, 2018, Annual Board Meeting

DANB Directors who attended the Annual 2018 Board meeting were Vice Chair Denise Romero, CDA, COA, RDA, M.A.; Secretary-Treasurer Lois Bell, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, FADAA; Michael Conte, D.M.D., M.P.H.; Karen L. Comisi, CDA, RDA, FADAA; Sandra Garcia, CDA, RDA; Steven J. Holm, D.D.S.; and Connie J. Reed, CDA, EFDA, B.S.

DANB’s Executive Director Cindy Durley, M.Ed., MBA, serves ex officio on DANB’s Board. Cindy can be contacted at 1-866-357-3262 or [cdurley@danb.org](mailto:cdurley@danb.org).

**DANB Exam Program Updates**

**Content Validation Studies Schedule**

A Content Validation Study (CVS) is conducted to initially build an exam outline, and then is conducted every five to seven years after that to validate that the content of the exam is still assessing the knowledge required to perform the critical and/or frequently performed tasks. The CVS is conducted using a Job Analysis survey. The results of the Job Analysis survey are used to inform the development of the exam outline.

<b>Exam</b>	<b>Date last blueprint launched</b>	<b>Date new blueprint to launch</b>
CPFDA	4/1/11	1/1/19
GC	4/1/12	1/1/19
AMP	5/1/12	1/1/19
CRFDA (excluding AMP)	5/1/12	1/1/20
RHS	1/1/15	1/1/21
OA	1/1/17	1/1/24
ICE	1/1/18	1/1/25

**Updates to RHS®, ICE® and GC exam outlines**

Annually, DANB convenes item writing committees of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to write and review new items and review existing items for currency and accuracy. These SMEs also annually review the existing exam outlines and exam references. This review is to ensure that the outlines continue to be valid and references are up to date. At the February 2018 meeting, the Board accepted minor updates (e.g., reorganizing outline content categories) to the Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) and Infection Control (ICE) exam outlines, effective Jan. 1, 2019. The General Chairside Assisting (GC) exam Content Validation Study (including a job analysis survey) resulted in an updated and reorganized GC exam outline which was effective Jan. 25, 2019. A report indicating the changes to the GC exam outline is available on DANB’s website at [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org) > About DANB > DANB’s Board of Directors > Board Actions.

**New Exam Administrations**

Starting in 2019, two new exam combination administrations will be offered; the same exam outlines will be used as are used when these exams are administered individually. DANB is offering

these combinations of Certified Dental Assistant™ (CDA®) component exams (in addition to the RHS/ICE combination) as a time- and money-saving option to exam candidates:

- General Chairside Assisting/Radiation Health and Safety (GC/RHS)
- General Chairside Assisting/Infection Control (GC/ICE)

**Reminder: Update to CPFDA® Certification Program**

At the February 2018 meeting, based on the results of a periodic Content Validation Study (job analysis), the Board approved removing the Topical Anesthetic (TA) component exam from the Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant™ (CPFDA) certification program, effective May 2018. The TA exam is still available as a standalone exam but will not be associated with any DANB certification program.

**DANB Exam Fee Increases**

DANB’s Board of Directors approved increasing DANB exam fees by a small percentage effective 1/1/2020. DANB strives to keep exam fees as low as possible, while still keeping up with the rising costs of doing business. DANB aims to minimize fee increases as often as possible, which is why we typically keep fees at the same price for 4-5 years. Below is a table outlining the old and new exam fees.

<b>DANB National Exams</b>		
<b>Exam</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>2020 Fee</b>
CDA	\$425	\$450
COA	\$425	\$450
CPFDA	\$425	\$450
NELDA	\$375	\$400
RHS	\$250	\$270
ICE	\$250	\$270
RHS/ICE	\$325	\$375
GC	\$250	\$270
AMP	\$225	\$245
OA	\$300	\$320
CP	\$225	\$245
TF	\$125	\$175
SE	\$125	\$175
IM	\$125	\$125
IS	\$125	\$125
RF	\$250	\$275
TMP	\$125	\$125
IM/TMP	\$200	\$200
IS/SE/RF	\$375	\$400
AMP/TMP/RF	\$400	\$425
GC/RHS	\$325 (new in 2019)	\$375
GC/ICE	\$325 (new in 2019)	\$375

<b>DANB State Exams</b>		
<b>Exam</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>2020 Fee</b>
MD-General	\$275	\$290
MD-Ortho	\$250	\$265

Missouri Basic	\$225	\$240
NJ – XD General	\$225	\$240
NY – PDA	\$250	\$270
NY Infection Control	\$265	\$285
NY Radiology	\$265	\$285
ORB	\$275	\$275
ORXG	\$250	\$250
ORXO	\$250	\$250
ORBXG	\$350	\$350
ORBXO	\$350	\$350
WARE	\$300	\$325
WSJ	\$135	\$150

### **DANB Candidate Services Updates**

#### Updates to CDA/GC Exam Eligibility Pathways

The Board approved a modification to Pathway I for the CDA/GC exam clarifying that for “Intent to Graduate” candidates, the date of initial certification will be the date the graduation documentation from program directors of CODA-accredited dental assisting programs is verified by DANB.

The Board also approved adding eligibility requirements for dental school-related post-baccalaureate program graduates to CDA/GC exam eligibility Pathway III.

### **DANB Certificant Services Updates**

Beginning Jan. 1, 2019, DANB’s recertification renewal fee for one certification will increase from \$65 to \$75. There will be no fee increases for those who hold multiple DANB certifications.

### **Update on DANB Collaborations**

#### OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation Collaboration

DANB and the DALE Foundation are collaborating with the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) on a comprehensive infection control education and credentialing initiative, called the OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation *Dental Infection Prevention and Control Education and Credentialing Collaboration™*.

The initiative will establish two education and two certification initiatives:

#### Dental Infection Prevention and Control Education

- 1) OSAP-DALE Foundation *Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate Program™*
- 2) A number of short OSAP-DALE Foundation online dental infection control Continuing Dental Education Articles™ (CDEA®) modules of 1 to 3 Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credits

#### Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certification Programs

- 1) OSAP-DANB *Dental Industry Specialist in Infection Prevention and Control™* (DISIPC™) certification; this industry-focused certification will be available in 2020
- 2) OSAP-DANB *Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control™* (CDIPC™) certification; this program with a clinical focus will be available in 2020

Outcomes from the OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation collaboration will advance the organizations' missions, all of which relate to enhancing patient and practitioner safety. OSAP, DANB and the DALE Foundation will reach out to communities of interest to participate in various advisory committees to provide subject matter expertise, program feedback, and assistance in advancing infection prevention, control and safety in dental settings.

#### Collaboration with Temple University

DANB and the DALE Foundation are once again collaborating with Temple University's Kornberg School of Dentistry on its post-baccalaureate program for aspiring dental students. The program includes an innovative combination of dental assisting training and practice, as well as advanced translational science courses.

The program, now in its fourth year, is intended to provide students who are interested in studying dentistry an opportunity to advance their education and improve their admission application for dental school. Currently, 72 students (including 11 internationally trained dentists) are participating in the 2018-19 program.

In addition to traditional classroom lecture and clinical hours, the program includes unique elements offered by DANB and the DALE Foundation. All students have access to the DALE Foundation's review courses and practice tests that are designed to help them prepare for DANB's Radiation Health and Safety (RHS); Infection Control (ICE); and Anatomy, Morphology and Physiology (AMP) exams — which make up the exam components of DANB's National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA) certification program, and to earn NELDA certification, if eligible.

Students must pass these three DANB exams to be permitted to assist dental students enrolled in Temple University's Kornberg School of Dentistry, in the clinic clusters. As in previous years, dental students continued to look forward to specifically asking for the post-baccalaureate students to assist them during their clinical coursework and also to assist them during clinical licensure board exams.

Following successful completion of the NELDA exams, post-baccalaureate students will work to complete the OSAP-DALE Foundation Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate Program™, which includes four steps:

1. Complete the DANB ICE Review course
2. Complete the interactive CDEA module developed by OSAP and the DALE Foundation, Understanding CDC's Summary of Infection Prevention Practices in Dental Settings
3. Complete the OSAP-DALE Foundation Dental Infection Prevention and Control eHandbook™
4. Complete the OSAP-DALE Foundation eHandbook Assessment™

The Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry's Post-Baccalaureate Program begins at the end of May 2018 and continues through April 2019. After successfully completing the program, students who meet the published admission criteria and have applied through the formal admission process may be conditionally accepted to Temple University's Doctor of Dental Medicine program.

Based on the success of this collaboration, JoAnn Nyquist, Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry's Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Diversity and Director, Post-Baccalaureate Program, and DANB Executive Director Cindy Durley developed a proposal for a collaborative seminar titled Partnership Power: A World Beyond Pre-Dental and Dental Educational Experiences selected to be presented at ADEA's 2019 Annual Session in Chicago Mar. 16-19.

### ADAA/DANB Scholarship

The ADAA/DANB Scholarship was developed in 2013. The scholarship is open to all American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) members in good standing. The 2018 ADAA/DANB Scholarship was launched Sept. 24, 2018, and applications were accepted through Oct. 19, 2018. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must submit a completed application, a letter of intent, responses to additional questions, and any required documentation.

The scholarship committee selected four winners to receive funds to go toward their dental assisting goals:

- Andrea Carlson, CDA
- Megan Di Dio, CDA
- Bettie Leh, CDA
- Glenda Panzieri, CDA

See the DANB website for more details.

### Report from the DALE Foundation

The DALE Foundation, the official DANB affiliate, held its Annual Meeting Aug. 9, 2018.

### The Liz Koch Memorial Scholarship

The Liz Koch Memorial Scholarship supports the professional development of dental auxiliaries. The scholarship, which was founded in 2014, is open to all dental assistants, DANB certificants and other oral healthcare professionals. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must submit a completed application, along with two letters of recommendation, a letter of intent and any required documentation. Scholarship funds can be used for professional development activities, such as continuing education courses, dental conferences, DANB certification renewal and college courses.

The 2018 Liz Koch Memorial Scholarship launched April 4, 2018, with a deadline of May 25, 2018. After receiving 64 applications, the scholarship committee selected four winners, who received scholarship funds to go toward their professional development goals. The committee also recognized five finalists, who received DALE Foundation courses of their choice.

Winners:

- Shawnee Delo
- Elizabeth Polak-Silva, CDA
- Robynn Rixse, CDA
- Sheila SeEVERS, CDA

Finalists:

- Jennifer Guidetti, CDA
- Jennifer Lizotte, CDA
- Jodie Smith-Mcintosh, CDA
- Addy Sorenson
- Rachel Wetzsteon, CDA

See the DALE Foundation website for more information about the winners.

### The DALE Foundation Board of Trustees

The DALE Foundation Board of Trustees elected the following Trustees to officer positions:

- President — Frank A. Maggio, D.D.S.

- President-Elect — Joanne Dawley, D.D.S.
- Secretary-Treasurer — Lori Gagliardi, CDA, FADAA, RDA, RDH, Ed.D.

The DALE Foundation Board also welcomed two new Trustees:

- Vicki L. Brett, CDA, RDHA, B.S.D.H., began the first of a possible two three-year terms Sept. 1, 2018
- Royann Royer, CDA, RDH, M.P.H., began the first of a possible two three-year terms Sept. 1, 2018

David Halpern, D.M.D., and Jennifer Todd, CDA, COA, B.A.S., M.S., concluded their terms on the DALE Foundation Board of Trustees on 8/31/18. The DALE Foundation thanks them for their years of service.

### DANB Nominating Committee Update

DANB's Board elected the following Directors to officer positions:

- Chair — Michael Conte, D.M.D., M.P.H
- Vice Chair — Denise Romero, CDA, COA, RDA, OA, M.A.
- Secretary-Treasurer — Lois Bell, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, FADAA

The Board also welcomed a new Director:

- Meagan Morton, CDA

Katharine J. Noble, CDA, CRFDA, SSgt Maine Air National Guard, completed her term on the DANB Board of Directors on 8/31/18; she will continue to serve on the DALE Foundation Board as a Board Trustee.

### Upcoming DALE Foundation Board of Directors Meetings

The DALE Foundation Board of Trustees will hold its next winter meeting Feb. 6, 2019, and its next annual meeting Aug. 8, 2019. Additionally, the Board of Trustees will meet by conference call throughout the year, between its two scheduled in-person meetings.

### Upcoming DANB Board of Directors Meetings

DANB's Board of Directors will hold its next winter meeting Feb. 8-9, 2019, and its next annual meeting Aug. 9-10, 2019. Additionally, DANB's Board of Directors will meet by conference call throughout the year, between its two scheduled in-person meetings.

The DANB and DALE Foundation Boards will also hold a joint meeting Feb. 7, 2019.

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