



Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.  
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## **Summary of major actions taken by DANB's Board of Directors at the Aug. 9-10, 2019, Annual Board Meeting**

DANB Directors who attended the Annual 2019 Board Meeting were Chair Michael Conte, D.M.D., M.P.H.; Vice Chair Denise Romero, CDA, COA, RDA, M.A.; Secretary-Treasurer Lois Bell, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, FADAA; Karen L. Comisi, CDA, RDA, FADAA; Sandra Garcia, CDA, RDA, FADAA, FAADOM; Steven J. Holm, D.D.S.; Meagan Morton, CDA; and Connie J. Reed, CDA, EFDA, B.S.

DANB's Executive Director Cindy Durley, M.Ed., MBA, serves ex officio on DANB's Board of Directors and the DALE Foundation's Board of Trustees. Cindy can be contacted at [cdurley@danb.org](mailto:cdurley@danb.org).

### **DANB Exam Program Updates**

#### New Exam Combinations

In anticipation of higher demand, the Board approved the addition of two new exam combinations effective 1/1/2020: Anatomy, Morphology and Physiology (AMP)/Infection Control (ICE) and AMP/Radiation Health and Safety (RHS).

#### Changes to CRFDA Certification Program

In 2018-2019, in accord with best practices, DANB conducted a content validation study including a job analysis survey to review the CRFDA exam content. DANB's review resulted in the decision to discontinue the Isolation exam as this topic is covered on the Restorative Functions (RF) exam. In addition, the AMP exam will also be removed because the AMP exam tests fundamental knowledge required for successful performance on the other CRFDA component exams, especially RF.

Effective 1/1/20, the IS and AMP component exams will be eliminated from the CRFDA program, which will now include four component exams: Impressions (IM), Sealants (SE), Temporaries (TMP) and Restorative Functions (RF).

#### Updates to RHS exam outline and references

The Board accepted minor edits to the RHS exam outline and suggested study references to be effective 1/1/20.

### **DANB Certificant Services Updates**

#### Update to Certification Eligibility Requirements

The DANB Board approved policy changes required to allow certificant to use any component exam shared between the certification they held and a certification they are pursuing to meet certification renewal requirements as long as the following criteria are met: the certificant has maintained certification continuously, and can demonstrate maintenance of appropriate CE credits over the past two years.

## 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) 3- three-step OSAP-DALE Foundation *Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate Program™*  
(Steps 1 and 2 are currently available. Step 3, the OSAP-DALE Foundation eHandbook Assessment, will be available in spring 2020.)
- 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
- 2) OSAP-DANB *Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control™* (CDIPC™) certification

At its August 2019 meeting, DANB's Board approved the exam outline and domain weights for the new OSAP-DANB CDIPC certification.

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 have jointly launched a website to provide information about the collaboration and its related programs: <https://dentalinfectioncontrol.org>.

### 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 fifth 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.

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™.

The Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry's Post-Baccalaureate Program began at the end of May 2019 and continues through April 2020. 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.

### **Report from the DALE Foundation**

The DALE Foundation, the official DANB affiliate, held its Annual Meeting Aug. 8, 2019.

#### **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 2019 Liz Koch Memorial Scholarship launched April 1, 2019, with a deadline of May 20, 2019. After receiving more than 69 applications, the scholarship committee selected four winners, who received scholarship funds to go toward their professional development goals.

Winners:

- Gina Conrad, CDA, MADAA
- Iris Jeannette Guilbe-Carter, CDA
- Elisha Ricker
- Kaitlyn Wakelee

See the DALE Foundation website ([dalefoundation.org](http://dalefoundation.org)) for more information about the winners.

#### **Status of DALE Foundation Approval as a Recognized CE Provider**

##### ***National Recognition***

The DALE Foundation has received Recognized Provider status from the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP) and is an Approved Program Provider through the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD PACE).

In January 2019, the DALE Foundation submitted its ADA CERP application to renew its recognition status. Through its review process, the ADA's CCEPR evaluates and recognizes organizations that provide continuing dental education. CDE providers are evaluated in 14 aspects of program quality. Providers approved through the program are designated as ADA

CERP Recognized Providers. Once approved, providers are held accountable for maintaining those same high standards through periodic reevaluation. CCEPR does not approve specific CE courses or credits.

The DALE Foundation received the results of its ADA CERP application on May 7, 2019, and was awarded a four-year recognition approval period, based on the DALE Foundation's ability to meet each of the ADA CERP standards (a four-year recognition period indicates the highest-rating of approval).

The DALE Foundation's current term of ADA CERP recognition is May 2019 through June 2023.

The DALE Foundation's current term of AGD PACE approval is August 2017 through August 2021.

### *State-Specific Recognition*

California, Iowa and Maryland each require any CDE provider (no matter if the provider is ADA CERP or AGD PACE recognized) to meet state-specific requirements for CDE provider recognition. The DALE Foundation has been through the CDE provider approval process in these states, and so is an approved CE provider in California, Iowa and Maryland. In addition, the DALE Foundation is listed in Virginia regulations as a recognized sponsor for CDE to meet the continuing education requirements for renewal of a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene.

Specific DALE Foundation courses are also currently recognized by state boards of dentistry as meeting part of the requirements for dental assistants to qualify to perform duties in Kentucky, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon and Virginia.

In addition, DALE Foundation courses are recognized by any state that recognizes ADA CERP and/or AGD PACE CE providers or sponsors for state license CE requirements.

### The DALE Foundation Board of Trustees

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

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

### **Upcoming DALE Foundation Board of Directors Meetings**

The DALE Foundation Board of Trustees will hold its and its next winter meeting Feb. 5, 2020, and its next annual meeting Aug. 6, 2020. 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. 7-8, 2020, and its next annual meeting Aug. 7-8, 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 strategic planning meeting Feb. 6, 2020.