



Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.
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Summary of major actions taken by DANB's Board of Directors at the Feb. 5-8, 2020, Winter Board Meeting

DANB Directors who attended the Winter 2020 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; Connie J. Reed, CDA, EFDA, B.S.; and Esther R. Scherb, D.M.D., J.D.

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.

DANB Exam Program Updates

DISIPC Certification Program Update

DANB's Board of Directors reviewed and approved the OSAP-DANB Dental Industry Specialist in Infection Prevention and Control (DISIPC) exam outline, domain weights, suggested references and additional/optional study resources that were proposed by the DISIPC Content Validation Study Advisory Committee, Infection Control Certificate/Certification Steering Commission (ICCCSC) and the DISIPC Exam Item Writing Committee. These materials can be downloaded from the OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation collaboration website at dentalinfectioncontrol.org.

CDIPC Certification Program Update

DANB's Board of Directors reviewed and approved edits to the OSAP-DANB Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control (CDIPC) exam outline and the suggested references and additional/optional study resources that were proposed by the ICCSC. These materials can be downloaded from the OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation collaboration website at dentalinfectioncontrol.org.

Discontinuation of DANB's Topical Anesthetic Exam

At the February 2018 Board meeting, the Board approved the removal of the Topical Anesthetic (TA) component exam from the Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) exam and would continue administering TA as a standalone exam (that is, not an exam required to earn any DANB certification). Since the TA exam was removed from the CPFDA exam in May 2018, there were two candidates who took the exam.

During a DANB/DALE Foundation conference call on Dec. 16, 2019, DANB's Board of Directors approved the discontinuation of the Topical Anesthetic (TA) standalone exam, effective Jan. 1, 2020. This decision was made because there are no states that recognize or require the TA exam to meet state regulatory requirements. In addition, it would not be possible to maintain the content validity and statistical reliability of the exam due to the low volume of candidates.

DANB Certificant Services Updates

PDEP Update

In 2014, the DALE Foundation began delivering online versions of DANB Professional Development Exam Program (PDEP) modules, called Continuing Dental Education Articles (CDEA), with the intention that CDEA modules eventually replace the current paper-based PDEP modules.

In 2019, DANB offered five PDEP modules. DANB's standard operating procedure is to retire PDEP modules once the oldest article contained in the module is seven years old, although the materials in the PDEP will continue as a CDEA on the DALE Foundation website.

The following PDEP modules have been retired for 2020:

- Pediatric Dentistry
- Sedation in Pediatric Dentistry
- Anxiety and Special Needs in Pediatric Dentistry

The following PDEP will be retired in 2021:

- Preventive and Restorative Guidelines in Pediatric Dentistry

Changes to CDE Credit Requirements

The Board approved changes to the CDE credit requirements, removing the requirement that a maximum of eight credit hours earned in a 24-hour period can be used to meet recertification requirements and clarifying that exams that focus on dental office management are considered a CDE Category 2 activity and do not count as CDE Category 3.

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 establishes two education and two certification initiatives:

Dental Infection Prevention and Control Education

- 1) A three-step 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
- 2) OSAP-DANB *Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control™* (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.

The organizations have 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, which began in June 2015, provides 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 looked 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 completed the OSAP-DALE Foundation Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate Program™.

This fifth year of 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.

ADAA/DANB Scholarship

The ADAA/DANB Scholarship was developed in 2013. The scholarship is open to all ADAA members in good standing. The 2019 ADAA/DANB Scholarship was launched Sept. 16, 2019, and received 36 applications, from which the committee selected four winners. Press releases and other communications announcing the winners were distributed in January 2020.

Dental Assisting Issues and Trends Summit (DAITS)

The DAITS was initiated by DANB and the DALE Foundation in 2017. The participating organizations established this charge for the Summit. The DAITS is an *annual summit of oral healthcare organizations with complimentary missions, focused on education and/or elevating dental assistants, assembled to discuss key issues, challenges, opportunities, the changing oral healthcare landscape, industry trends impacting dental assistants, and how participating organizations can work together in the best interests of both dental assisting and the patients we serve.*

DANB and the DALE Foundation hosted the 2019 Emerging Dental Assisting Trends and Issues Summit in Chicago on November 12, 2019, with representatives from the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA), the Professional Dental Assistants Education Foundation (PDAEF), igniteDA, and DANB and the DALE Foundation participating. The Academy of Chairside Assisting (ACA) was invited but unable to send a representative to participate.

Report from the DALE Foundation

The DALE Foundation, the official DANB affiliate, held its Winter Meeting Feb. 5, 2020.

Quizlet Update

The DALE Foundation officially launched its Quizlet account and related products on Oct. 2, 2019. Nine total products were available for purchase through Quizlet:

Anatomy, Morphology and Physiology

- Practice questions — 20 questions, \$3.99
- Key terms — 20 terms, \$1.99
- “Mini guide” bundle of questions and terms, \$4.99

Radiation Health and Safety

- Practice questions — 20 questions, \$3.99
- Key terms — 20 terms, \$1.99
- “Mini guide” bundle of questions and terms, \$4.99

Infection Control

- Practice questions — 20 questions, \$3.99
- Key terms — 20 terms, \$1.99
- “Mini guide” bundle of questions and terms, \$4.99

HOSA Future Health Professionals Scholarship

During a DANB/DALE Foundation Board conference call on Dec. 16, 2019, the DANB and DALE Foundation Boards approved the establishment of a DANB/DALE Foundation HOSA Scholarship. The purpose of the DANB/DALE Foundation HOSA Scholarship is to provide recognition and financial assistance to HOSA-member high school students who are interested in an opportunity to develop an educational foundation for a career in oral health care, starting and perhaps culminating in dental assisting. The deadline to apply for all HOSA Scholarships is April 15, 2020, and the winners will be announced at the HOSA International Leadership Conference on June 24, 2020.

DALE Foundation Name Change

The DALE Foundation Board of Trustees voted to change the name of the DALE Foundation from the Dental Auxiliary Learning and Education Foundation to the Dental Advancement through Learning and Education Foundation. This change was made to reflect the evolution of the DALE Foundation and the broader range of stakeholders it serves.

DANB Board Director Updates

During a DANB/DALE Foundation conference call on Dec. 16, 2020, DANB’s Board of Directors approved the recommendation of DANB’s Nominating Committee that Esther Scherb be elected to serve as the Public Member on DANB’s Board of Directors, to fill the vacancy left by the passing of prior Public Member Mary Macomber (through 8/31/20), and to serve the first of two possible three-year terms as Public Member on DANB’s Board of Directors 9/1/20-8/31/23.

Strategic Planning

On Feb. 6, 2020, DANB and the DALE Foundation Boards held a joint meeting to move forward ongoing development of and integrated DANB/DALE Foundation Strategic Plan for FY 20-21 through FY 22-23.

Upcoming DALE Foundation Board of Directors Meetings

The DALE Foundation Board of Trustees will hold 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.

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