

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of AR	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in AR
<p>A Registered Dental Assistant in Arkansas is an individual who holds a permit from the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) to perform one or more of the expanded functions listed on the opposite page.</p> <p>To be issued a permit for any of the expanded functions (except Sedation Monitoring, which has additional requirements), one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification OR Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program OR Complete an ASBDE-approved course in the desired expanded function(s) OR Receive on-the-job training from an Arkansas licensed dentist <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold current Basic Life Support-level CPR certificate <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide proof of competency in the desired expanded function(s) and apply for registration to the ASBDE <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete the Arkansas jurisprudence exam <p>Sedation monitoring: Hold a current permit for nitrous oxide administration, hold current CPR certification, hold current DANB CDA certification (or be a Registered Dental Assistant, RN or LPN), successfully complete the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Anesthesia Assistant's training program or a Board-approved equivalent course within the two years immediately preceding application, apply to the ASBDE for registration, and successfully complete the Arkansas jurisprudence exam.</p> <p>Note: To renew a permit to perform expanded functions, Registered Dental Assistants must provide the ASBDE proof of completing two hours of continuing education in infection control every two years.</p>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<p>In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arkansas, a dental assistant must be an RDA who holds a permit for radiography from the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners.</p> <p>To obtain this permit, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification OR Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program OR Successfully complete and submit a certificate of completion of a radiography course approved by the Board AND Hold current Basic Life Support-level CPR certificate AND Apply for registration to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners AND Successfully complete the Arkansas jurisprudence exam <p><i>Note: A dental assistant holding a current radiography permit dated prior to 11/1/11 will not be required to complete an approved radiography course unless he or she is operating an imaging machine other than conventional flat film radiography, such as cone-beam computed axial tomography (CT) scan.</i></p> <p>← The ADAA/DANB Alliance developed a listing of standardized job titles (left) based on its national Core Competencies Study conducted from 2002-2005.</p> <p>The same study utilized a list of 70 job functions which were determined to be representative of a broad range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>Functions in this state that relate to the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are numbered to the right, using language directly from this state's dental practice act. (The numbers correspond to the study's task numbering system.) →</p> <p>Functions listed with bullets are part of this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB/ADAA research.</p>	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Scaling, root planing and curettage Final placement of orthodontic brackets Placement, seating, or removal of any final or permanent restorations Diagnosis and treatment planning Surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue Prescription, injection, inhalation, and parenteral administration of drugs (except where permitted by the Arkansas Board) Any procedure that contributes to or results in irreversible alteration of the oral anatomy Those functions relegated to a dental hygienist: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Using air driven electric, sonic, ultrasonic, or otherwise powered scalers or polishers (except by dental assistants possessing an expanded duties permit for polishing) Oral examination Oral prophylaxis Placing medicaments into the sulcus or periodontal pockets, for periodontal disease
<p>A dental assistant in Arkansas may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the personal supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>These state templates reflect the work done by the ADAA/DANB Alliance to support a uniform national model for one set of dental assisting tasks, levels and requirements, which will serve as a viable career ladder for dental assistants.</p>	

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Job Title
According to
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Allowable Functions
(Functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designations;
functions with bullets are in this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB research)

Registered
Dental
Assistant

Under Personal Supervision*

- 9. Perform coronal polishing**
- 22. Operate dental radiographic equipment**
- 40. Place sealants (if the dental assistant holds a coronal polishing permit)
- 59. Induce and monitor nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia**
 - Monitor patients who are under deep sedation or general anesthesia only in offices where the dentist is permitted to perform those services**
 - All duties designated to Dental Assistants, under the same level of required supervision

*** A dental assistant must obtain a permit in each of these expanded duties before performing the duty; see requirements for each corresponding permit on the previous page.*

Dental
Assistant

Under Personal Supervision*

- Any reversible dental task or procedure assigned by the supervising dentist that does not require a permit or the professional skills of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist

***Personal Supervision:** The dentist is in the office or treatment facility, has personally diagnosed the condition to be treated, has personally authorized the procedures, remains in the office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed, and evaluates the performance of the Dental Assistant before the dismissal of the patient.