





Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of CT	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in CT
<p>To perform <b>expanded functions</b> under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed dentist in Connecticut, a dental assistant must earn Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) status. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Maintain current DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) certification</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Successfully complete an expanded function dental assistant program at a higher education institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) that includes educational courses related to didactic and laboratory preclinical objectives <b>and</b> at least four hours of education in ethics and professional standards for dental professionals <b>and</b> a comprehensive clinical exam administered by the higher education program at the conclusion of the program</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pass DANB's Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) certification exam and DANB's Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant (CRFDA) certification exam</li> </ul> <p>Effective July 1, 2018*, any EFDA must show successful completion of DANB's infection control (ICE) exam.</p> <p><i>Note: The provisions above related to EFDAs are part of a new law passed by the Connecticut legislature in 2016. Additional details related to the EFDA education curriculum and allowable EFDA functions are under development.</i></p>	<p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <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 Connecticut, a dental assistant <b>must</b> pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam.</p>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>44, 46. The taking of any impression of the teeth or jaws for the purpose of fabricating any appliance or prosthesis</li> <li>• Diagnosis for dental procedures or dental treatment</li> <li>• Prescribing of drugs or medications that require the written or oral order of a licensed dentist or physician</li> <li>• Administration of local, parenteral, inhalation or general anesthetic agents in connection with any dental operative procedure</li> <li>• The cutting or removal of any hard or soft tissue or suturing</li> <li>• The practice of dental hygiene as defined in the Connecticut Dental Practice Act</li> </ul>
<p>A <b>dental assistant</b> in Connecticut may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>Effective July 1, 2018*, any dental assistant must show successful completion of DANB's infection control (ICE) exam.</p> <p><i>*Please note: Current Connecticut dental assistants who have not passed the DANB Infection Control Exam prior to July 1, 2018 have until April 1, 2019 (nine months) to receive on-the-job training by a licensed dentist to prepare for and pass the exam.</i></p> <p><i>New Connecticut dental assistants hired after July 1, 2018 have nine months from the start of employment to receive on-the-job training by a licensed dentist to prepare for and pass the exam, if they have not done so already.</i></p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</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> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <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> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>†DANB has not received confirmation that this Career Ladder Template has been reviewed and approved by the Connecticut State Dental Commission. All of the templates in this volume reflect DANB's interpretation of each state's dental practice act and administrative rules and regulations related to dental assisting. For authoritative information regarding requirements, please contact the relevant dental board. Specific contact information can be found in this DANB publication.</p> </div>

Job Title According to State of CT	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)
Expanded Function Dental Assistant	<p><b><u>Under Direct or Indirect Supervision*</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Coronal polishing, provided the procedure is not represented or billed as prophylaxis</li> <li>12, 33, 34, 50, 51. The placing, finishing and adjustment of temporary restorations and longterm individual fillings, capping materials and cement bases</li> <li>24. Oral health education for patients</li> <li>40. Dental sealants</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: The EFDA functions listed above are part of a new law passed by the Connecticut legislature in 2016. Additional details related to the EFDA education curriculum and allowable EFDA functions are under development.</i></p>
Dental Assistant	<p><b><u>Under Direct Supervision*</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22. Taking of dental x-rays (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page)</li> <li>44. Taking of impressions for study models             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A licensed dentist may delegate to dental assistants such dental procedures as he/she may deem advisable</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**\*Direct supervision:** A licensed dentist has authorized certain procedures to be performed on a patient by a dental assistant or an expanded function dental assistant with such dentist remaining onsite in the dental office or treatment facility while such procedures are being performed by the dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant and that, prior to the patient's departure from the dental office, such dentist reviews and approves the treatment performed by the dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant

**Indirect supervision:** A licensed dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, has personally diagnosed the condition, planned the treatment, authorized the procedures to be performed and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant and evaluates the performance of the dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant