



Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of KS	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <u>NOT</u> Permitted by Dental Assistants in KS
<p>To perform <b>expanded functions</b> under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Kansas, a <b>dental assistant</b> must become qualified as follows:</p> <p><u>Coronal polishing</u>: The dental assistant must undergo appropriate training by a licensed dentist.</p> <p><u>Coronal scaling</u>: The dental assistant must successfully complete a Kansas Board-approved course of instruction. The supervising dentist must verify proof of completion of required training and must report to the Kansas Board the name and practice location of each dental assistant who is performing coronal scaling by April 3, 2016 or within 30 days of the dental assistant first performing coronal scaling, whichever is later.</p> <p><u>Assisting in the administration and monitoring of nitrous oxide and/or oxygen</u>: The dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Be certified in CPR</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Successfully complete a Kansas Board-approved course of instruction which includes 16 hours of instruction at a CODA-accredited teaching program which includes both didactic and clinical instruction in:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theory of pain control</li> <li>• Anatomy</li> <li>• Medical History</li> <li>• Pharmacology</li> <li>• Emergencies and complications</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Dental Assistant <i>with expanded duties training</i></p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<p>There are no radiography requirements for dental assistants in the state of Kansas.</p> <p>All dental assistants may legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist.</p>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any and all removal of or addition to the hard or soft tissue of the oral cavity</li> <li>• Any and all diagnosis of or prescription for treatment for disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of the human teeth or jaws, or adjacent structure</li> <li>• Any and all correction of malformation of teeth or of the jaws</li> <li>• Any and all administration of general or local anesthesia of any nature in connection with a dental operation</li> <li>• A prophylaxis (except coronal polishing and scaling as defined in "Allowable Functions"; see opposite page)</li> </ul>
<p>A <b>dental assistant</b> in the state of Kansas 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>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>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>	
		<p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>		

Job Title According to State of KS	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)
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Dental  
Assistant  
*with  
expanded  
duties  
training*

**Under Direct Supervision\***

- 9. Coronal polishing procedures
- 20. Coronal scaling (not including subgingival scaling)
- 59. Assisting in the administration and monitoring of nitrous oxide and/or oxygen (**Note:** *The dental assistant must be certified in CPR and have passed a Board-approved course.*)

Dental  
Assistant

**DANB's Note on Allowable Dental Assisting Functions**

In the state of Kansas, all dental assistants may:

- Expose, process, and evaluate dental radiographs under the supervision of a licensed dentist
- Perform infection control and occupational safety procedures
- Perform other duties not specified by this state's dental practice act.

At this time, DANB cannot list all allowable dental assisting functions for each state because some states' dental practice acts outline very specific allowable functions, while others outline only prohibited functions and some contain minimal or no regulation of dental assisting duties.

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\*Direct Supervision: The dentist is in the dental office, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedure, and, before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance.