



Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of NE	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <u>NOT</u> Permitted by Dental Assistants in NE
<p>To qualify as an <b>Expanded Function Dental Assistant**</b> in Nebraska, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold a valid, current license as an LDA <b>AND</b></li> <li>Complete a minimum of 1,500 hours of work experience as an LDA <b>AND</b></li> <li>Complete courses and exams in expanded function dental assisting as approved by the Board <b>AND</b></li> <li>Pass a jurisprudence exam approved by the Board <b>AND</b></li> <li>Apply to the Dept. of Health and Human Services for the applicable EFDA permit</li> </ul>	<p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)**</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Nebraska, a dental assistant <b>must</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully complete a two-day course approved by the Nebraska Board of Dentistry and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure <b>OR</b></li> <li>Pass the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam <b>OR</b></li> <li>Successfully complete a dental assisting course from a CODA-approved technical program or community college which provides training in dental radiography as part of its curriculum</li> </ul>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12, 33, 51. Placing or contouring of a final restoration*</li> <li>20. Scaling of teeth, including subgingival regions and root planing with hand and ultrasonic instruments</li> <li>Diagnosis and treatment planning</li> <li>Surgery on hard or soft tissue</li> <li>Administering of local or general anesthetics</li> <li>Any other irreversible dental procedure or procedures which require the professional judgment and skill of a licensed dentist</li> <li>Any intraoral procedure which would lead to the fabrication of any prosthesis*</li> <li>Chemical curettage</li> </ul>
<p>To qualify as a <b>Licensed Dental Assistant**</b> in Nebraska, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold a high school diploma <b>AND</b></li> <li>Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program <b>OR</b></li> <li>Complete one year (1,500 hours minimum) of dental assisting experience in the five years preceding application <b>AND</b></li> <li>Pass DANB's CDA Certification or an equivalent exam approved by the Nebraska Board of Dentistry <b>AND</b></li> <li>Pass a jurisprudence exam approved by the Board <b>AND</b></li> <li>Apply to the Dept. of Health and Human Services for an LDA license</li> </ul>	<p>Licensed Dental Assistant (LDA)**</p>	<p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</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><i>*Please note: The new 2017 law allows some levels of dental assistant to perform these functions, but the Nebraska Board of Dentistry administrative rules have not yet been updated to reflect the scope of practice authorized under the new law.</i></p>
<p>To perform <b>selected functions</b>, an LDA must complete education and testing approved by the Nebraska Board of Dentistry and earn a permit in each function (see "Allowable Functions" on opposite page).</p>	<p>Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</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>To perform <b>coronal polishing procedures</b> under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist in Nebraska, a <b>dental assistant</b> must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program which includes a coronal polishing course <b>OR</b></li> <li>Complete one year (1,500 hours minimum) of clinical work experience as a dental assistant <b>and</b> a Nebraska Board-approved course in polishing procedures</li> </ul>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</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>A <b>dental assistant</b> in Nebraska may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p> <p>Dental assistants who assist in the administration of general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation or minimal sedation must be currently certified in basic life support skills (BLS) or the equivalent.</p> <p>Dental assistants with current and valid certification for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) approved by the Nebraska Board of Dentistry may monitor nitrous oxide under indirect supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> All dental assistants must be at least 18 years of age.</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>	

© 2018 Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. All rights reserved.

Job Title According to State of NE	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)
------------------------------------	--

**\*\*The Nebraska Legislature passed a law in the 2017 legislative session authorizing the creation of these categories of dental assistant; the Nebraska Board of Dentistry is in the process of developing rules to regulate these categories.**

Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)\*\*

**Under Indirect Supervision\***

- 12, 33, 51. Place restorative level one simple restorations (one surface)
- 12, 33, 51. Place restorative level two complex restorations (multiple surfaces)

Licensed Dental Assistant (LDA)\*\*

**Under Indirect Supervision\***

- 46. Take dental impressions for fixed prostheses (*with education, exam and permit in the function*)
- 46. Take dental impressions and make minor adjustments for removable prostheses (*with education, exam and permit in the function*)
- 59. Monitor and administer nitrous oxide analgesia (*with education, exam and permit in the function*)
- 70. Cement prefabricated fixed prostheses on primary teeth (*with education, exam and permit in the function*)
- All procedures authorized for a dental assistant

Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing

**Under Indirect Supervision\***

- 9. Perform coronal polishing procedures

Dental Assistant

**Under Indirect Supervision\***

- 56. Place topical local anesthesia
- 59. Monitor nitrous oxide (*see requirements on previous page*)
- A licensed dentist may delegate to dental assistants only those procedures for which the dentist exercises supervision and assumes full responsibility

**Under General Supervision\***

- 22..Take X-rays (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page)

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

In Nebraska, all dental assistants may:

- 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.

**\*Indirect Supervision:** The licensed dentist authorizes the procedure to be performed by a dental auxiliary and is physically present on the premises when such procedure is being performed.  
**General Supervision:** The directing of activities of a dental auxiliary by a licensed dentist, not construed to require the physical presence of the supervisor when directing such activities