

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of NM	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in NM
<p>To earn NM certification as an expanded function dental auxiliary (EFDA), one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete an accepted EFDA course in a program approved by the board or accredited by CODA, OR Have a minimum of five years, 1000 hours per year, continuous employment as a dental assistant or dental hygienist and earn state certification in radiography, rubber cup coronal polishing and application of topical fluoride and pit and fissure sealant expanded functions and complete a course of study in subject areas prescribed by the board, including a post-test approved by the board and obtain a recommendation for EFDA certification from a supervising dentist AND pass a clinical exam accepted by the board for EFDA certification AND Earn a 75% score on the NM jurisprudence exam AND Apply for an apprenticeship permit from the NM Board of Dental Health Care AND Complete an apprenticeship within 180 days AND Return permit and signed affidavit to NM Board of Dental Health Care, which will then issue EFDA certificate 	<p>Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA)</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in New Mexico, a dental assistant must be certified. To obtain this certification, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study by independent preparation or in a training course on radiation health and safety within the past 36 months AND Have assisted with or observed five cases of full mouth series intraoral radiographs (or five extraoral radiographs, if applying for limited certificate) AND Pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam AND Apply to the NM Board of Dental Health Care for a training permit, valid for six months AND Pass a state radiography clinical exam, within six months of passing the DANB RHS exam AND Pass the New Mexico jurisprudence exam (take-home) AND Apply to the NM Board of Dental Health Care for certification to perform radiography 	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Final impressions, to include physical and digital impressions, for restorations or prosthetic appliances* Removal of, or addition to, the hard or soft tissue of the oral cavity Diagnosis and treatment planning Initial fitting and adaptation of prostheses Final fitting, adaptation, seating and cementation of any fixed or removable dental appliance or restoration, including but not limited to inlays, crowns, space maintainers, habit devices, anti-snoring or sleep apnea appliances, or splints Irrigation and medication of canals, cone try-in, reaming, filing or filling of root canals Other services defined as the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene Bleaching or whitening teeth without the direct or indirect supervision of a dentist Laser-assisted non-surgical periodontal treatment
<p>Holders of state-certification in dental assisting expanded functions and EFDAs must have formal training in infection control from a course approved in accordance with New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care rules and regulations.</p>				
<p>To perform expanded functions under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in New Mexico, a dental assistant must earn state certification. To qualify, one must:</p> <p><u>Rubber cup coronal polishing and application of topical fluoride:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study by independent preparation or in a training course in the functions and assist with/observe five cases of rubber cup coronal polishing on children and adults and five applications of topical fluoride and Pass DANB's national Coronal Polish (CP) exam and DANB's Topical Fluoride (TF) exam and Apply to the NM Board of Dental Health Care for advanced certification in coronal polishing and application of topical fluoride and Pass the state jurisprudence exam (take-home) and Perform rubber cup coronal polishing on five adults and children and application of topical fluoride on five children while being personally observed by a dentist, dental hygienist, or a dental assistant certified in rubber cup coronal polishing and topical fluoride. <p><u>Pit and Fissure Sealants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have 2,080 hours of dental assisting chairside experience in the two years prior to application and Study by independent preparation or in a training course in the function and Assist with/observe 12 pit and fissure sealant applications and Pass DANB's national Sealants (SE) exam and Apply for advanced certification in pit and fissure sealants to the NM Board of Dental Health Care and Pass the NM jurisprudence exam (take-home) and Apply pit and fissure sealants on five patients while being personally observed by a licensed dentist or dental hygienist 	<p>Dental Assistant with state certification in expanded functions</p>	<p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered 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>	<p>*This task is prohibited for dental assistants and dental assistants with state certification in expanded functions. EFDAs are permitted, under direct supervision, to take impressions, including digital impressions, for permanent fixed or removable prosthetics involving single teeth; EFDAs are prohibited from taking final impressions for multiple units of crowns, bridges, cast framework, partial dentures, or full dentures final impressions.</p>
<p>The DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification automatically qualifies a dental assistant to apply for state certification for each of these expanded functions. A dental assistant who is certified to perform one or more expanded functions in another state with requirements not less stringent than those in New Mexico may apply for state certification based on credentials. See DANB's 2018 State Fact Booklet or contact the New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care for requirements.</p>		<p>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>	
<p>A dental assistant in New Mexico is an individual who may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist (see notes on opposite page). There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assistant.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>		

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Allowable Functions
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Expanded
Function
Dental
Auxiliary
(EFDA)

Under Direct Supervision*

- 12, 51. Place and shape direct restorative materials into cavity preparations completed by a dentist, using instrumentation as necessary and proper for this purpose
- 43. Perform preliminary fitting and shaping of stainless steel crowns which shall undergo final evaluation and cementation by a dentist
- 46. Take impressions for permanent fixed or removable prosthetics involving single teeth, to include digital impressions; these include single crowns or single tooth replacement prosthetics; EFDAs shall not take final impressions for multiple units of single crowns, bridges, cast framework partial dentures or full dentures final impressions
- 47, 50. Cement permanent or provisional restorations with temporary or provisional cement, provided the permanent cementation will be completed or monitored by the dentist within six months
- 50. Place temporary or sedative restorations in open carious lesions after hand excavation of gross decay and debris; if pain is perceived by the patient, dentist shall evaluate lesion before completion by EFDA. The EFDA shall NOT use any automated method to clean out the lesion or prepare the tooth, including but not limited to high speed, slow speed, air abrasion, ultrasonic, laser etc.
- 50. Place temporary or sedative restorative material into unprepared tooth fractures as a palliative measure; the EFDA shall NOT use any automated method to clean out the fracture or prepare the tooth, including but not limited to high speed, slow speed, air abrasion, ultrasonic, laser etc.
- 61. Remove residual orthodontic bracket or band cement or resin from teeth after the brackets or bands have been removed by the dentist, or to prepare the tooth or teeth for re-cementation of a debonded bracket or band, using instrumentation as necessary and proper for this purpose

Under General Supervision*

- 40. Place pit and fissure sealants (under supervision as certification or licensure allows)
- 47. In emergency situation, recement temporary or permanent crowns or bridges using provisional cement when instructed to do so by the dentist, provided the permanent cementation will be completed or monitored by the dentist within six months

Note: EFDA duties are allowed under direct supervision of a NM licensed dentist provided the dentist has prepared the cavity or tooth for the restorative procedure; instructed the EFDA on the particular elements of the individual case; fully examined and evaluated the procedure carried out by the EFDA, and corrected or replaced any deficiency found in the EFDA work before allowing the patient to leave the treatment facility; the dentist is ultimately responsible for the quality of the final restorative procedure carried out by the EFDA; and not more than two EFDAs, performing expanded functions, per licensed dentist are present in office.)

Note: This state allows individuals certified as Community Dental Health Coordinators to perform a separate set of advanced restorative, palliative and educational functions. Please see the separate chart for New Mexico CDHC functions on the pages that follow.

Under General Supervision*

- 9. Rubber cup coronal polishing
- 18. Application of topical fluoride
- 22. Place and expose dental radiographs
- 40. Pit and fissure sealants

Note: New Mexico rules indicate that collaborative practice dental hygienists may work with and supervise dental assistants, including dental assistants certified to perform these expanded functions.

Under Indirect Supervision*

- 9. Rubber cup coronal polishing
 - 18. Application of topical fluoride
 - 40. Pit and fissure sealant application
 - 59. Administer nitrous oxide with the dentist's authorization
 - Any basic supportive dental procedure, not excluded elsewhere in rule or in statute
- Note:** Rubber cup coronal polishing, application of topical fluoride and pit and fissure sealants must be approved by the dentist or dental hygienist upon completion.

DANB's Note on Allowable Dental Assisting Functions

In the state of New Mexico, 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.

Dental
Assistant
with state
certification
in expanded
functions

Dental
Assistant

***General Supervision:** Authorization by a dentist of the procedures to be used by a dental assistant or expanded functions dental auxiliary and the execution of the procedures in accordance with a dentist's diagnosis and treatment plan at a time the dentist is not physically present and in facilities as designated by rule of the board
Indirect Supervision: A dentist, or in certain settings a dental hygienist or dental assistant certified in expanded functions is present in the treatment facility while authorized treatments are being performed by a dental assistant
Direct supervision: The process under which an act is performed when a dentist licensed pursuant to the Dental Health Care Act: (1) is physically present throughout the performance of the act; (2) orders, controls and accepts full professional responsibility for the act performed; and (3) evaluates and approves the procedure performed before the patient departs the care setting

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of NM	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <u>NOT</u> Permitted by CDHCs in NM
<p>To work as a Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) in New Mexico, one must obtain certification from the New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care.</p> <p>To qualify, an applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Have a high school diploma or equivalent, or a college-level degree <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Have New Mexico certification in radiography, rubber cup coronal polishing, and application of topical fluoride and pit and fissure sealant expanded functions (see p. 90 of this publication for requirements) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Complete the New Mexico jurisprudence exam with a score of at least 75% <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Successfully complete a CDHC program approved by the NM Board of Dental Health Care <p>CDHCs must have formal training in infection control from a course approved in accordance with New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care rules and regulations.</p>	<p>Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC)</p> <hr/> <p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <hr/> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC)</p> <hr/> <p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <hr/> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in New Mexico, a Community Dental Health Coordinator must be certified. To obtain this certification, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study by independent preparation or in a training course on radiation health and safety within the past 36 months <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Have assisted with or observed five cases of full mouth series intraoral radiographs (or five extraoral radiographs, if applying for limited certificate) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Apply to the NM Board of Dental Health Care for a training permit, valid for six months <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pass a state radiography clinical exam, within six months of passing the DANB RHS exam <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pass the New Mexico jurisprudence exam (take-home) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Apply to the NM Board of Dental Health Care for certification to perform radiography <p>The CDHC workforce model was developed by the American Dental Association (ADA) to address access to care issues among underserved U.S. populations. Currently, New Mexico is the only state that has formally adopted the Community Dental Health Coordinator model.</p> <p>The CDHC model contemplates multiple career paths for those desiring to work as Community Dental Health Coordinators. For dental assistants who may aspire to the CDHC designation, the career ladder would contain these standardized job titles that appear at left.</p> <p>Some functions in the ADA/DANB Alliance's dental assisting Core Competencies Study are included in the scope of practice for CDHCs. The 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 for this workforce member 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 matched to DANB/ADAA research.</p>	<p>CDHC may not perform any other procedure, duty or function under any level of supervision that is not expressly listed as allowable.</p>

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Community
Dental Health
Coordinator
(CDHC)

General Supervision*

- 9. Rubber cup coronal polishing (not to be represented as a prophylaxis)**
- 18. Topical application of fluorides**
- 22, 52. Expose and develop necessary radiographs as ordered by the supervising dentist or as established in protocol by a supervising dentist
- 40. Application of pit and fissure sealants**
- 50. Place temporary and sedative restorative materials in unexcavated carious lesions and unprepared tooth fractures
 - Take a complete health and dental history
 - Observe and transmit patient data through teledentistry means to a dentist
 - Transmit prescription or medication orders on the direct order of a dentist
 - Act as an advocate for patients and the community in accessing dental care
- Provide the following limited palliative procedures:
 - 24. Instruct the patient on brushing, flossing, gingival massage or cleaning for gingival inflammation or infection
 - Application of hot/cold compresses to the face and mouth
 - Instruct patient in the use of various rinses containing salt, sodium bicarbonate, chlorhexidine, etc. as ordered by the dentist
 - Place avulsed teeth in the proper preservation solution for transport to a dentist
 - Apply pressure compresses to intraoral wounds
 - Perform any other palliative procedures as directly instructed by the supervising dentist, and within the scope of practice of the CDHC

** when previously authorized by the supervising dentist or dental hygienist and cavitation of the enamel is not present

*General Supervision: Authorization by a dentist of the procedures to be used by a community dental health coordinator and the execution of the procedures in accordance with the dentist's diagnosis and treatment plan at a time the dentist is not physically present and in the facility as designated by rules of the board