



2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: North Carolina



How to Use the Following Charts

- View which job designations are used in your state.
- Be sure to follow the legal requirements to perform dental radiographic procedures.
- See which tasks are not permitted by state law.
- Review all the allowable tasks for each level of dental assisting as published in the state practice act.

View the education/training/credential required for each level of dental assisting.



Arizona			
<p>Education/Training/Credential Required</p> <p>To perform specified restorative functions in Arizona under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Registered Function or Restorative Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate (see requirements to obtain certificate) Successfully complete an EFDA training course approved by the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) or a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited program AND DANB's AMP, TMP and TAMP AND have the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE criteria, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form AND be DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate <p>To perform general polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona General Polishing Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the Dental Council of Public Health (DCPH) for the Arizona Restorative Functioning Certificate AND be an Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate holder registered in DANB AND Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate, issued by the ASBDE AND Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate, issued by the ASBDE <p>A dental assistant in Arizona who performs these restorative procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist or a licensed dental assistant must meet the education/training/credential requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.C.)</p> <p>Registered Function or Restorative Certificate</p> <p>General Polishing Certificate</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>General Polishing Certificate</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Proposed Restorative Job Titles</p> <p>Restorative</p> <p>General Polishing</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>General Polishing</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Radiography Requirements</p> <p>In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must have a current approved certificate in radiography.</p> <p>To obtain a certificate, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and (RHS) exam AND Pass the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Functioning Certificate, issued by the ASBDE AND be currently certified in another ASBDE-approved radiography course <p>Restorative procedures require dental assistants to use the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate, which is not a national certificate. It is not possible to obtain a dental x-ray permit in Arizona unless the dental assistant has a current Restorative Functioning Certificate.</p> <p>The ADA/DANB Alliance has issued a list of 70 job designations with a corresponding range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>Functions in this state that relate to the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are supported by the right, state dental practice act. (The numbers correspond to the study's task numbering system.)</p> <p>Functions listed with italics are part of the state's practice act but are not specific to the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.</p> <p>These states implement various dental practice acts to support a uniform dental practice act and provide dental assisting tasks, roles and requirements, which will serve as a model center for dental assistants.</p>

Compare your state's job designations to those used as standardized job titles in the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.

The numbers next to each task correspond to the 70 numbered tasks that were identified and used in the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study. Tasks that are not numbered do not directly match one of the 70 tasks, yet are identified by the state in the practice act. A full list of those tasks follow your state's chart.

See Appendix A for more information about the task numbering system.

Arizona	
<p>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.C.)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Allowable Functions</p> <p>If functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designations, functions with italics are in the state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB research.</p> <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Apply fluoride varnish 40. Apply sealants * Place interim restorations under the direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through radiography <p>Level of Supervision Not Specified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12, 23, 51, 70. Perform placement, contouring and finishing of direct restoratives or the placement and contouring of amalgamated crowns, inlays or veneers; do not use a licensed dentist; the restorative materials used will be determined by the dentist. <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Perform coronal polishing procedures <p>Under Direct Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Remove sutures 23. Apply topical fluoride and mouth rinses 41. Place and remove dental dams and matrix bands 42. Remove periodontal dressings with hand instruments 47. DR. Remove and place restorations 48. Remove and place crowns 49. Remove and place veneers 50. Remove and place inlays and resin restorations with hand instruments 51. Clean a patient during crown, inlay and veneer placement as instructed by the dentist 52. Prepare a patient for retentive resin and complete denture impressions with hand instruments 53. Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Collect and record information pertaining to dental conditions 3. Collect and record information pertaining to existing restorations 4. Take or instruct patients in oral hygiene techniques 5. Perform radiographic procedures, delivery concerning the setup and placement, and provide oral and dental hygiene instructions relative to specific office treatment

If your state's dental practice act specifically defines levels of supervision, the state-specific definition is noted below the chart. See Appendix B for more information about supervision.

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Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of NC	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <u>NOT</u> Permitted by Dental Assistants in NC
<p>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of North Carolina, one must be classified as a Dental Assistant II (DA II).</p> <p>To qualify as a DA II, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a CODA-accredited dental assisting program or complete one academic year or longer in a CODA-accredited dental hygiene program <p>OR</p> <p>Pass the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Complete full-time employment as a DA I for 2 years of the preceding 5, consisting of at least 3,000 total and complete a 3-hour course in dental office emergencies and complete a 3-hour course in sterilization and infection control and, after completing these courses and CPR certification, receive training in any dental delivery setting and perform the functions of a DA II under the direct control and supervision of a licensed dentist</p> <p>To qualify to <u>perform coronal polishing</u>, a DA II must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a course in coronal polishing identical to that taught in a CODA-accredited dental assisting program, or by a licensed NC hygienist or dentist of least 7 hours and meeting content requirements established by the North Carolina Board, <p>To qualify to <u>monitor patients under nitrous oxide</u>, a DA II must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a North Carolina Board-approved 7-hour course in nitrous oxide-oxygen conscious sedation 	<p>Dental Assistant II (DA II)</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 North Carolina, a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam <p>OR</p> <p>Pass a radiological equivalency exam recognized by the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners. The equivalency exam may be taken by an assistant who can show evidence of seven hours of instruction in the production and use of dental x-rays and an educational program of not less than seven hours in clinical dental radiography.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Successfully complete a CODA-accredited dental assisting program</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Qualify as a DA II (see requirements to the left)</p>	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 33. Placement or cementation of final restorations 46. Taking of impressions for final fixed or removable restorations or prostheses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prophylaxis Periodontal screening Periodontal probing Subgingival exploration for or removal of hard or soft deposits Sulcular irrigation Comprehensive examination, diagnosis and treatment planning Surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissues, including laser, air abrasion or micro-abrasion procedures Placement or removal of sulcular nonresorbable agents The issuance of prescription drugs, medications or work authorizations Final placement or intraoral adjustment of a fixed or removable appliance Intraoral occlusal adjustments which affect function, fit or occlusion of any temporary or permanent restoration or appliance Extraoral occlusal adjustments which affect function, fit or occlusion of any permanent restoration or appliance Performance of direct pulp capping or pulpotomy Placement of sutures Final placement or cementation of orthodontic bands or brackets Administration of any anesthetic except the administration of topically applied agents intended to anesthetize only cutaneous tissue Intraoral use of a high speed handpiece Inducing conscious sedation
<p>A Dental Assistant II in Training (DA II in Training) is an individual who is participating in on-the-job training to become a DA II. Training consists of at least two years (3,000 hours) of chairside assisting, during which period the assistant may be trained and allowed to perform the functions of a DA II under the direct control and supervision of a NC licensed dentist.</p> <p>A DA II in Training may not monitor patients under nitrous oxide, take radiographs, or coronal polish until he or she successfully completes the required courses in these topics.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant II in Training (DA II in Training)</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>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>A Dental Assistant I (DA I) is an individual who may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the direct control and supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>To qualify to <u>monitor patients under nitrous oxide</u>, a DA I must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a North Carolina Board-approved seven-hour course in nitrous oxide- oxygen conscious sedation 	<p>Dental Assistant I (DA I)</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
State of NC

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)

Dental
Assistant
II
(DA II)

With Direct Control and Supervision* (provided that the dentist first examined the patient and prescribed the procedure)

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| <p>6. Place and remove gingival retraction cord</p> <p>9. Polish coronal portion of tooth (Using a hand-held brush and appropriate polishing agents or a combination of a slow-speed handpiece [not to exceed 10,000 rpm] with an attached rubber cup or bristle brush and appropriate polishing agents) (see requirements on previous page)</p> <p>13. Remove sutures</p> <p>14. Flush, dry and temporarily close root canals</p> <p>15. Place and tie in or untie and remove ortho arch wires</p> <p>15. Place ligature wire or lock pins</p> <p>27. Place and/or remove rubber dams</p> <p>29. Fit (size) orthodontic bands or brackets</p> | <p>34. Place cavity bases and liners</p> <p>40. Apply sealants to teeth that do not require mechanical alteration prior to the application of such sealants</p> <p>42. Insert interdental spacers</p> <p>42. Insert spacer wires or springs</p> <p>44. Take impressions for study models and opposing casts that may be used for construction of temporary or permanent dental appliances, adjustable orthodontic appliances, nightguards and the repair of dentures or partials</p> <p>45. Insert matrix bands and wedges</p> <p>47, 50, 54. Place and remove temp. restorations</p> <p>54, 61. Remove excess cement</p> <p>59. Monitor patients under nitrous oxide (see requirements on previous page)</p> | <p>62. Remove periodontal dressings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cement temp. restorations using temp cement • Apply acid etch materials and rinses • Apply bonding agents • Apply dentin desensitizing solutions • Perform extraoral adjustments which affect function, fit or occlusion of any restoration or appliance • Initially form and size orthodontic arch wires after final adjustment and approval by the dentist • A DA II may perform all duties designated to a DA I under the same level of supervision |
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Limited Exception for Assisting a Dental Hygienist

A Dental Assistant II may assist a Limited Supervision Hygienist in providing oral hygiene instruction, applying sealants, applying topical fluorides, applying fluoride varnishes, and while the Hygienist is performing prophylaxis, provided:

- (1) The treatment is provided to children in school-based programs under the NC Children's Dental Home/School Based Sealant Initiative and the related pilot project developed by the North Carolina Dental Society and funded by Duke Endowment Grant No. 6564-SP; and
- (2) Prior to any treatment being provided, a licensed North Carolina dentist has: (a) examined the patient; (b) ordered the treatment provided to the patient; and (c) agreed to provide the patient with any necessary additional treatment resulting from the treatment rendered in accordance with this Rule.

Dental
Assistant II
in Training
(DA II in
Training)

With Direct Control and Supervision* (provided that the dentist first examined the patient and prescribed the procedure)

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| <p>6. Place and remove gingival retraction cord</p> <p>13. Remove sutures</p> <p>14. Flush, dry and temporarily close root canals</p> <p>15. Place and tie in or untie and remove ortho. arch wires</p> <p>15. Place ligature wire or lock pins</p> <p>27. Place and/or remove rubber dams</p> <p>29. Fit (size) orthodontic bands or brackets</p> <p>34. Place cavity bases and liners</p> <p>40. Apply sealants to teeth that do not require mechanical alteration prior to the application of such sealants</p> <p>42. Insert interdental spacers</p> | <p>44. Take impressions for study models and opposing casts that may be used for construction of temporary or permanent dental appliances, adjustable orthodontic appliances, nightguards and the repair of dentures or partials</p> <p>45. Insert matrix bands and wedges</p> <p>47, 50, 54. Place and remove temp. restorations</p> <p>54, 61. Remove excess cement</p> <p>59. Monitor patients under nitrous oxide (see requirements on previous page)</p> <p>62. Remove periodontal dressings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cement temp. restorations using temp. cement • Apply acid etch materials and rinses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply bonding agents • Apply dentin desensitizing solutions • Perform extraoral adjustments which affect function, fit or occlusion of any restoration or appliance • Insert spacer wires or springs • Initially form and size orthodontic arch wires after final adjustment and approval by the dentist |
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Note: The "DA II in training" functions are the same functions as allowed and listed above for a DA II, with the exception of coronal polishing. A DA II in Training may not monitor patients under nitrous oxide, take radiographs, or coronal polish until he or she successfully completes the required courses in these topics.

Dental
Assistant I
(DA I)

With Direct Control and Supervision*

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| <p>5. Write laboratory work orders (Exact words must be dictated by the dentist)</p> <p>12. Place amalgam in prep w/carrier</p> <p>18. Apply topical fluoride</p> <p>22. Expose radiographs (see requirements on previous page)</p> <p>24. Oral hygiene instruction</p> | <p>37. Take pulse, blood pressure and temperature</p> <p>39. Polish dentures (extraorally, upon instruction by the dentist and re-insertion by the dentist)</p> <p>56. Apply topical anesthetics/DentiPatch®</p> <p>59. Monitor patients under nitrous oxide (see requirements on previous page)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write prescriptions (drugs); exact words must be dictated by the dentist • Perform extraoral adjustments of any temp. restoration or appliance (Extra-orally, upon instruction by the dentist and reinsertion by the dentist) |
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*Direct Control and Supervision: A dentist must be present in the office when the act or function is being performed and must directly and personally supervise, examine, and evaluate the results.