

# DENTAL ASSISTANTS

DUTIES & SUPERVISION



# EDUCATION PATHWAYS FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS



- Successful completion of a CODA accredited Dental Assisting Program
- Successful completion of a proprietary Dental Assisting program (some accredited and some non-accredited)
- Certification exams:
  - Successful completion of the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exam earns the credentials as a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)
    - The Exam includes three sections:
      - General Chair-side Assisting
      - Radiation Health and Safety
      - Infection Control
  - Successful completion of an Expanded Duties Dental Assistant course & exam would earn a certificate as an EDDA

# LINKS TO DANB INFORMATION: DESCRIBING THE VARIOUS EDUCATION LEVELS AND THE MOST RECENT NATIONAL SALARY SURVEY



**Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.**  
*Measuring Dental Assisting Excellence®*

<http://www.danb.org/PDFs/2010SalarySurvey.pdf>

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<http://www.danb.org/Main/statespecificinfo.asp>

# CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANTS

As of 2014, more than 33,000 Certified Dental Assistants (CDA's) are DANB certified

Only 217 in KY.

- NJ-3292
- NC-2430
- OH-2027
- Indiana-1342
- TN-987
- WY-32



# ON THE JOB TRAINING



- OJT training does not include an educational component only selective information provided by the employer
- Of the estimated 148,000 dental assistants nationwide, 50% of those are office trained

# DENTAL ASSISTANTS

- Current Kentucky regulations require Dental Assistants to be registered under the employer-dentist license number by December 31 every two years in odd years.
- The Dental Assistants' status is based on duties performed from the KY. delegated duties list & must be submitted to the KBD
- No fee is required



# THE DENTAL ASSISTANT REGISTRATION



- Notations on the Dental Assistant registration include:
  - Coronal polishing
  - Radiation Safety and Technique
  - Dental Assistant starting IV access line (when working with a Sedation Permit holder)
- Certifications listed above require successful completion of a continuing education course provided by a CODA accredited dental assisting, dental hygiene or dental school, **except** for the Radiation Safety and Technique course.



# DENTAL ASSISTANT SUPERVISION

- Registered Dental Assistants and Dental Auxiliaries must **always** work under the direct supervision of a Dentist licensed in Kentucky
- Registered Dental Assistants are required to have current CPR certification.



# LETS LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

## Coronal Polishing

Yes - 1170

No - 2114

## Radiographs

Yes - 3032

No - 252

## IV Sedation

Yes - 43

No - 3241



# **COST OF A DENTAL ASSISTING EDUCATION**

Dental Assisting education programs may range from \$850.- \$7560.

On the Job Trained Dental Assistants – can result in reduced production as a result of the in-office training \$\$\$\$ amount ????

# QUESTIONS ?

If you have questions contact the KBD [www.dentistry.ky.gov](http://www.dentistry.ky.gov)

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