

Measuring Dental Assisting Excellence

Recognition through DANB Certification

The Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) is the only national credentialing organization for dental assistants recognized by the American Dental Association. DANB Certification measures dental assisting competency, stands for professionalism, and promotes the public good.

DANB offers two national Certifications*:

- **Certified Dental Assistant (CDA®)**
3 component exams: Radiation Health & Safety (RHS)
Infection Control (ICE)
General Chairside (GC)
- **Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA®)**
2 component exams: Orthodontic Assisting (OA)
Infection Control (ICE)

In addition, DANB offers two stand-alone national Certificates of Competency:

- **Radiation Health & Safety** component exam of the CDA
- **Infection Control** component exam of the CDA and COA



More than 32,000 dental assistants are currently DANB certified. Thousands more have received Certificates of Competency by passing the RHS and/or ICE component exams. Currently, 37 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Air Force, and the Veterans Administration recognize or require successful performance on a DANB exam for dental assistants to meet state regulations or as a prerequisite to performing expanded functions.

DANB is a member of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (formerly NOCA). The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), a commission of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence with responsibility for accrediting credentialing programs, regularly evaluates DANB's CDA and COA national certification exam programs, including DANB's RHS, ICE, GC and OA component exams. DANB programs consistently meet NCCA's highest standards, which assures validity, reliability, and objectivity in the testing process. DANB's CDA and COA national certification exam programs, including component exams, are NCCA-accredited through 2012.



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Becoming DANB certified offers many benefits, including:

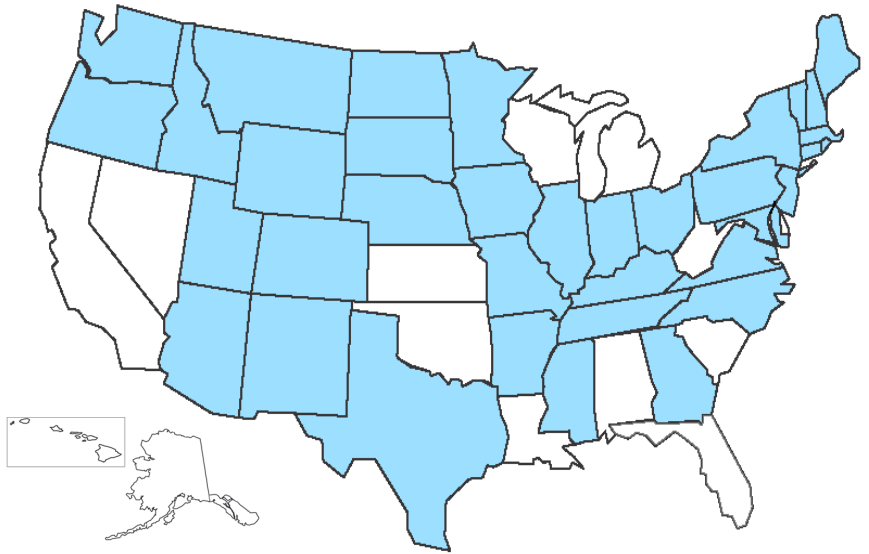
- Personal pride
- Enhanced career mobility
- Professional advantage and advancement
- Peer recognition
- Greater earning power

According to DANB's 2008 Salary Survey, DANB Certificants earn a median salary of \$2.38 more per hour compared to non-DANB-Certified colleagues.** View the Salary Survey at <http://www.danb.org/PDFs/2008SalarySurvey.pdf>. (DANB's Certificant Salary Survey is conducted every two years.)

DANB Certificants contribute to the delivery of quality oral healthcare and the professionalism of their dental offices and teams.

* The DANB Certified Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (COMSA) and Certified Dental Practice Manager (CDPMA) exams are no longer offered, yet individuals maintain their credentials through annual renewal.
** US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2007

DANB Exams Recognized/ Required in 37 States, Plus D.C.



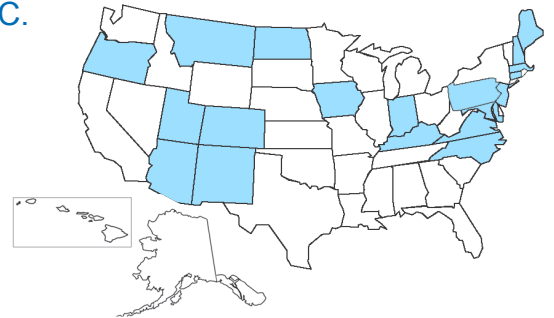
DANB's Certified Dental Assistant (CDA®) Certification mark is Recognized/Required in 29 States

DANB's CDA certification is recognized/required to perform expanded functions* in Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

DANB's CDA certification meets state requirements to expose radiographs* in Arkansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Wyoming.

DANB's RHS Exam is Recognized/Required in 19 States, plus D.C.

DANB's Radiation Health & Safety (RHS®) Exam is one component of the CDA Exam. Candidates can take the RHS Exam on its own to earn an RHS Certificate of Competency. A passing score on the RHS exam is recognized or required in 19 states and the District of Columbia to expose radiographs*: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, D.C., Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah and Virginia.



DANB ICE

DANB's Infection Control (ICE®) exam is one component of the CDA and COA Exams, which candidates can take on its own. A passing score on the ICE Exam earns the candidate a Certificate of Competency, which meets state requirements for infection control* in Iowa, New York and North Dakota.

DANB COA

DANB's Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA®) certification is recognized or required to perform expanded functions* in Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Oregon.

DANB-Administered State-Specific Exams

DANB offers state-specific exams in Arizona, Delaware, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, and Washington.

U.S. Military and Federal Agencies Recognition

DANB's CDA certification and RHS Certificate of Competency meet the Veterans Administration's requirement for expanded duties dental assistant designation. The Indian Health Services and all branches of the U.S. Military encourage DANB Certification. DANB's CDA exam is approved for the GIs-to-Jobs program under the Montgomery Bill. DANB is collaborating with the Air Force Dental Service (AFDS) to administer the RHS and ICE exams, leading to Certificates of Competency in these two important areas of dental assisting.

*Additional requirements may apply. Please check with your state's dental board for complete information.