



Georgia Dental Assistant Requirements

Certification or approved/accredited training is not required for entry-level Dental Assistant jobs. MedCerts graduates set themselves apart in a competitive job market by demonstrating to employers that they hold the knowledge and skills required for job - as proven through graduation and certification.

There are often additional job titles recognized by each state's board of Dentistry, each having requirements different from what is shown below. The most closely associated job title for qualified MedCerts graduates is shown within this document. For simplification and display purposes, the shortest or simplest pathway to eligibility as a MedCerts graduate is shown along with any additional requirements beyond program completion and/or certification.

Applicants are encouraged to visit the <u>Georgia Board of Dentistry</u> for additional information.

Immediate Eligibility & Scope of Practice



Is dental assisting certification REQUIRED for entry level? NO

Entry Level Georgia Dental Assistant Job Title: Dental Assistant¹

Will I be eligible for certification after completing my program through MedCerts? YES

 MedCerts' Dental Assistant program has been reviewed and is approved by the American Medical Technologists (AMT) board, which upon completion qualifies the graduate to attempt the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) Certification Exam.²

Can I take dental X-rays? YES, after completing a GA-Approved 6-hour radiology course³.

By Day 30: Start dental radiology training and complete no later than day 90.

What else can I do as a GA Dental Assistant? Each state develops their own State Practice Act which defines the allowable duties by title.⁴

Post-Graduate/In-Field Career Advancement Opportunities

Georgia Expanded Duty Dental Assistant⁵

- Hold current CPR Certification
- Complete GA Board-approved course in expanded functions
- Hold DANB CDA certification
- Continuous employment for six-month period within previous three years

Links/Resources

- 1. <u>GA Dental Assistant</u>
- 2. <u>AMT RDA Certification</u> Disclaimer: This is an accredited AMT-certification. This does not equate to the roles of Dental Assistants as defined in <u>Georgia</u>.
- 3. <u>GA Rule 111-8-90-.04 X-Rays</u>
- 4. GA Dental Law/Dental Practice Act (Title 43, Ch 11)
- 5. GA Expanded Function Duty Dental Assistant





