

# Louisiana 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 [Louisiana State Board of Dentistry](https://www.lsdent.org/) for additional information.

## Immediate Eligibility & Scope of Practice

**Is dental assisting certification REQUIRED for entry level?** NO

**Entry Level LA Dental Assistant Job Title:** Dental Assistant<sup>1</sup>

**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.<sup>2</sup>

**Can I take dental X-rays?** YES, after completing a LA-Approved Radiation course.<sup>3 4</sup>

Within 6 months of employment, must complete LA-Approved Radiation course.<sup>3 4</sup>

**What else can I do as a LA Dental Assistant?** Each state develops their own State Practice Act which defines the allowable duties by title.<sup>5</sup>

### Post-Graduate/In-Field Career Advancement Opportunities

*Louisiana Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA)<sup>6</sup>*

- Complete LA-Approved EDDA program
- Hold current BLS CPR certification
- Apply to Louisiana State Board of Dentistry

### Links/Resources

1. [LA Dental Assistant \(501\(A\)\)](#)
2. [AMT RDA Certification Disclaimer: This is an accredited AMT-certification. This does not equate to the EDDA designation as defined in Louisiana.](#)
3. [Dental Radiology \(501.B\(2\)\)](#)
4. [Approved Radiology Courses](#)
5. [Practice Act](#)
6. [Expanded Functions DA \(Sec 502\)](#)



This program is widely accepted in this state



This program has some state restrictions to consider before enrolling



This program has many restrictions or is not accepted in this state