

# Massachusetts 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 [Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry](#) for additional information.

## Immediate Eligibility & Scope of Practice - MedCerts cannot provide the necessary pathway to meet Massachusetts state requirements for dental assistants.

**Is dental assisting certification REQUIRED for entry level?** No, but the MedCerts program does not meet state requirements.

**Entry Level Massachusetts Dental Assistant Job Title:** Dental Assistant Trained-on-the-Job<sup>1</sup>

- Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry only grants a 6-month provisional status, after which a Dental Assistant Trained-on-the-Job must become either a Formally Trained Dental Assistant or Certified Dental Assistant, by completing an ADA-accredited dental assisting program or obtaining the DANB CDA certification.

### Links/Resources

1. [Dental Assistant Licenses](#)



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