

# Ohio 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 [Ohio State Dental Board](#) for additional information.

## Immediate Eligibility & Scope of Practice

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

**Entry Level Ohio Dental Assistant Job Title:** Basic Qualified Personnel<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>

**Day 1:** Show evidence of immunity or immunization against Hepatitis B virus unless a waiver is granted.<sup>3</sup>

**Can I take dental X-rays?** YES, after passing the AMT RDA certification.<sup>4</sup>

**What else can I do as an Ohio Basic Qualified Personnel?** 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

*Basic Qualified Personnel- qualified to monitor nitrous-oxide-oxygen minimal sedation<sup>6</sup>*

- Maintain BLS CPR
- Complete 6-hour course in nitrous oxide/oxygen monitoring
- Have 2 years and 3,000 hours of practice in dental assisting

*Ohio Certified Dental Assistant (Ohio CDA)<sup>7</sup>*

- MedCerts Graduates who pass the AMT RDA certification will be considered an Ohio CDA
  - Additional Ohio certifications will be required for Ohio CDA's who wish to perform coronal polish & pit and fissure sealants.

*Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA)<sup>8</sup>*

- Hold Ohio CDA certification (as earned through AMT RDA certification)
- Complete Ohio Board-approved EFDA training course
- Pass EFDA exam
- Maintain BLS CPR

### Links/Resources

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| 1. <a href="#">Basic Qualified Personnel (BQP)</a> | 6. <a href="#">BQP Nitrous Oxide (Sec. 4715-11-02 (B)(4Q))</a> |
| 2. <a href="#">AMT RDA Certification</a>           | 7. <a href="#">Ohio CDA (Sec. 4715.39(D)(1))</a>               |
| 3. <a href="#">Hepatitis B</a>                     | 8. <a href="#">Ohio EFDA (Sec. 4715.62)</a>                    |
| 4. <a href="#">Dental Radiography</a>              |  |
| 5. <a href="#">OH State Dental Practice Act</a>    |  |



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