

Texas 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 [Texas State Board of Dental Examiners](#) for additional information.

Immediate Eligibility & Scope of Practice

Is dental assisting certification REQUIRED for entry level? NO

Entry Level Texas 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, under the direct supervision of a TX-licensed dentist and only for the first year of employment. After the first year of employment, must become a Texas RDA to continue taking x-rays.³

What else can I do as a TX 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

Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)⁵

- Complete TX State Dental Board-approved dental assistant registration course
- Take and pass TX Jurisprudence Assessment⁶
- Pass TX Board approved/administered exam
- Maintain BLS CPR Certification

Links/Resources

1. [Dental Assistant \(Sec. 265.002\)](#)
2. [AMT RDA Certification Disclaimer: This is an accredited AMT-certification. This does not equate to the RDA designation as defined in Texas.](#)
3. [Dental Radiography](#)
4. [TX State Dental Practice Act](#)
5. [RDA \(Sec. 265.0015\)](#)
6. [Jurisprudence Exam](#)



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