

Washington 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 [Dental Quality Assurance Commission](#) (DQAC) for additional information.

Immediate Eligibility & Scope of Practice

Is dental assisting certification REQUIRED for entry level? NO

Entry Level Washington Dental Assistant Job Title: Registered 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

By Day 1: Obtain health care provider CPR and register with WA State Dental Quality Assurance Commission.³

Can I take dental x-rays? YES, after gaining competency and under the general supervision of a WA-licensed dentist.⁴

What else can I do as a Washington Dental Assistant? Each state develops their own State Practice Act which defines the allowable duties by title.⁵

Post-Graduate/In-Field Career Advancement Opportunities

Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)⁶

- Become a DANB CDA (Certified Dental Assistant)
- Complete dental assisting review course
- Complete EFDA course approved by DQAC
- Pass DANB Washington State Restorative Exam (WARE)
- Pass clinical exam

Links/Resources

1. [Registered Dental Assistant](#)
2. [AMT RDA Certification Disclaimer: This is an accredited AMT-certification. This does not equate to the RDA or EFDA designation as defined in Washington.](#)
3. [Registration Info/Application](#)
4. [Radiography \(WAC 246-817-520\(3c\)\)](#)
5. [WA State Dental Practice Act](#)
6. [Expanded Function Dental Assistant](#)



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