



Alabama **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 <u>Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama</u> for additional information.

Immediate Eligibility & Scope of Practice

Is dental assisting certification REQUIRED for entry level? NO

Entry Level Alabama 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 supervision of a licensed Alabama dentist.¹

What else can I do as an AL Dental Assistant? Each state develops their own State Practice Act which defines the allowable duties by title. ³

Links/Resources

- Dental Assistant (p.3-9)
- <u>AMT RDA Certification</u> Disclaimer: This is an accredited AMT-certification and does not define role in Alabama.
- AL State Dental Practice Act

















