

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

Immediate Eligibility & Scope of Practice



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

Entry Level Arkansas Dental Assistant Job Title: Dental Assistant

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.¹

Can I take dental X-rays? YES. This is an expanded-function, and a permit is required. To obtain, acquire Healthcare Provider CPR², complete on-the-job training, and receive sign-off from AR-Licensed Dentist³. Submit application.⁵

What else can I do as an AR 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

Arkansas Registered Dental Assistant⁵

- Complete Application for Registration of Dental Assistants⁵
 - On-the-job training from Arkansas dentist
 - Healthcare Provider CPR
 - Register with ASBDE
 - Complete Arkansas jurisprudence examination

Links/Resources

1. [American Medical Technologists \(AMT\) Disclaimer: This is an accredited AMT-certification. This does not equate to the RDA designation as defined in Arkansas.](#)
2. [American Heart Association or American Red Cross Healthcare Provider CPR](#)
3. [Dental Assistant Expanded Function Permits](#)
4. [AR Practice Act](#)
5. [Application for Registered Dental Assistant/Radiology](#)



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