

# Connecticut 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 [Connecticut State Dental Commission](#) for additional information.

## Immediate Eligibility & Scope of Practice



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

**Entry Level Connecticut Dental Assistant Job Title:** Dental Assistant<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>.

**Within nine months of employment:** Pass DANB ICE (Infection Control) Exam<sup>3</sup>.

**Can I take dental X-rays?** YES, after passing the DANB RHS (Radiation Health Safety) Exam<sup>4</sup> or taking a CT approved radiology course.<sup>7</sup>

**What else can I do as a CT Dental Assistant?** 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

*Connecticut Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)<sup>6</sup>*

- Complete DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) by taking GC (General Chairside) exam
- Attend expanded function dental assistant program at CODA-Accredited school
- Pass DANB's CPFDA and CRFDA certification exams

### Links/Resources

1. [CT Dental Assistant \(Sec 20-112a \(3a\)\)](#)
2. [AMT RDA Certification Disclaimer: This is an accredited AMT-certification. This does not equate to the EFDA designation or satisfy ICE/RHS exams as defined in Connecticut.](#)
3. [Infection Control exam \(Sec. 20-112a \(5c\)\)](#)
4. [Radiation Health Safety \(RHS\) \(Sec. 20-112A \(4c\)\)](#)
5. [CT Practice Act](#)
6. [Expanded Function DA \(Sec 20-112a \(4\)\)](#)
7. [Dental Assistant Taking X-Rays](#)



This program is widely accepted in this state



This state has additional requirements and/or restrictions to consider before enrolling.



This program has many restrictions or is not accepted in this state