

Kentucky 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 [Kentucky Board of Dentistry](#) for additional information.

Immediate Eligibility & Scope of Practice



Is dental assisting certification REQUIRED for entry level? NO

Entry Level Kentucky Dental Assistant Job Title: Dental Auxiliary¹

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 CPR³

Can I take dental X-rays? YES, after completing 6-hour KY-approved dental radiation safety course & 4 hours of documented instruction by dentist or completion of KY-approved x-ray technique course.⁴

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

Post-Graduate/In-Field Career Advancement Opportunities

Kentucky Registered Dental Assistant with Additional Qualifications⁶

- Maintain health care provider CPR³
- Attestation of competency from licensed KY dentist in procedures delegated to DA
- Course completion certificates for additional qualified duties: Coronal Polish, Radiation Safety and Technique courses, and Starting IV Access lines

Links/Resources

1. [KY Dental Auxiliary](#)
2. [AMT RDA Certification Disclaimer: This is an accredited AMT-certification. This does not equate to the RDA designation as defined in Kentucky.](#)
3. [American Heart Association or American Red Cross BLS CPR](#)
4. [Radiography \(Title 201, Ch. 008, Reg 571, Section 4\) & \(Application\)](#)
5. [KY Practice Act](#)
6. [KY Registered 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