

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

Immediate Eligibility & Scope of Practice



Is dental assisting certification REQUIRED for entry level? NO

Entry Level Minnesota Dental Assistant Job Title: Unlicensed 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

After Hire: Maintain health care provider CPR and up-to-date infection control practices.

Can I take dental X-rays? YES, after completing a MN-Approved Radiation Health Training Program, passing DANB Radiation Health Safety (RHS), and taking MN Jurisprudence.^{3 4}

What else can I do as a MN Unlicensed 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

Licensed Dental Assistant⁶

- Complete MN CODA-accredited DA program
- Pass DANB CDA exam
- Pass MN DA State Licensing exam
- Pass MN Jurisprudence Exam
- Maintain current BLS CPR certification
- Complete criminal background check

Links/Resources

1. [MN Unlicensed Dental Assistant](#)
2. [AMT RDA Certification Disclaimer: This is an accredited AMT-certification. This does not equate to the Licensed DA designation as defined in Minnesota.](#)
3. [MN Limited Radiology \[Ltd. Radiology\]](#)
4. [Approved MN Radiology Course](#)
5. [MN State Practice Act](#)
6. [Licensed Dental Assistant \[Assistant tab\]](#)



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