

# Measuring Dental Assisting Excellence™

## Recognition through DANB Certification

The Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) is the only national credentialing organization for dental assistants recognized by the American Dental Association. DANB Certification measures dental assisting competency, stands for professionalism, and promotes the public good.

### DANB offers two national Certifications\*:

- **Certified Dental Assistant (CDA®)**  
3 component exams: Radiation Health & Safety (RHS)  
Infection Control (ICE)  
General Chairside (GC)
- **Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA®)**  
2 component exams: Orthodontic Assisting (OA)  
Infection Control (ICE)

### In addition, DANB offers two stand-alone national Certificates of Competency:

- **Radiation Health & Safety** component exam of the CDA
- **Infection Control** component exam of the CDA and COA



More than 32,000 dental assistants are currently DANB certified. Thousands more have received Certificates of Competency by passing the RHS and/or ICE component exams. Currently, 37 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Air Force, and the Veterans Administration recognize or require successful performance on a DANB exam for dental assistants to meet state regulations or as a prerequisite to performing expanded functions.

DANB is a member of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (formerly NOCA). The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), a commission of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence with responsibility for accrediting credentialing programs, regularly evaluates DANB's CDA and COA national certification exam programs, including DANB's RHS, ICE, GC and OA component exams. DANB programs consistently meet NCCA's highest standards, which assures validity, reliability, and objectivity in the testing process. DANB's CDA and COA national certification exam programs, including component exams, are NCCA-accredited through 2012.



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Becoming DANB certified offers many benefits, including:

- Personal pride
- Enhanced career mobility
- Professional advantage and advancement
- Peer recognition
- Greater earning power

According to DANB's 2008 Salary Survey, DANB Certificants earn a median salary of \$2.38 more per hour compared to non-DANB-Certified colleagues.\*\* View the Salary Survey at <http://www.danb.org/PDFs/2008SalarySurvey.pdf>

DANB Certificants contribute to the delivery of quality oral healthcare and the professionalism of their dental offices and teams.

\* The DANB Certified Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (COMSA) and Certified Dental Practice Manager (CDPMA) exams are no longer offered, yet individuals maintain their credentials through annual renewal.  
\*\* US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2007

