

Dental Assistant II

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18VAC60-20-61. Educational requirements for dental assistants II.

- A. A prerequisite for entry into an educational program preparing a person for registration as a dental assistant II shall be current certification as a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) conferred by the Dental Assisting National Board.

- B. In order to be registered as a dental assistant II, a person shall complete the following requirements from an educational program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association:
 - 1. At least 50 hours of didactic course work in dental anatomy and operative dentistry, which may be completed on-line;

 - 2. Laboratory training, which may be completed in the following modules with no more than 20% of the specified instruction to be completed as homework in a dental office:
 - a. At least 40 hours of placing, packing, carving and polishing of amalgam restorations;

 - b. At least 60 hours of placing and shaping composite resin restorations;

 - c. At least 20 hours of taking final impressions and use of a non-epinephrine retraction cord;

 - d. At least 30 hours of final cementation of crowns and bridges after adjustment and fitting by the dentist.

 - 3. Clinical experience applying the techniques learned in the preclinical coursework and laboratory training, which may be completed in a dental office in the following modules:
 - a. At least 80 hours of placing, packing, carving and polishing of amalgam restorations;

 - b. At least 120 hours of placing and shaping composite resin restorations;

 - c. At least 40 hours of taking final impressions and use of a non-epinephrine retraction cord;

 - d. At least 60 hours of final cementation of crowns and bridges after adjustment and fitting by the dentist.

4. Successful completion of the following competency examinations given by the accredited educational programs:

- a. A written examination at the conclusion of the 50 hours of didactic coursework;
 - b. A practical examination at the conclusion of each module of laboratory training; and
 - c. A comprehensive written examination at the conclusion of all required coursework, training and experience for each of the corresponding modules.
- C. All treatment of patients shall be under the direct and immediate supervision of a licensed dentist, who is responsible for the performance of duties by the student. The dentist shall attest to successful completion of the clinical competencies and restorative experiences.

18VAC60-20-70. Licensure examinations; registration certification.

- C. Dental assistant II certification. All applicants for registration as a dental assistant II shall provide evidence of a current credential as a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) conferred by the Dental Assisting National Board or another certification from a credentialing organization recognized by the American Dental Association and acceptable to the board, which was granted following passage of an examination on general chairside assisting, radiation health and safety, and infection control.

18VAC60-20-230. Delegation to dental assistants.

- C. The following duties may only be delegated under the direction and direct supervision of a dentist to a dental assistant II who has completed the coursework, corresponding module of laboratory training, corresponding module of clinical experience and examinations specified in 18VAC60-20-61:
1. Performing pulp capping procedures;
 2. Packing and carving of amalgam restorations;
 3. Placing and shaping composite resin restorations;
 4. Taking final impressions;
 5. Use of a non-epinephrine retraction cord; and
 6. Final cementation of crowns and bridges after adjustment and fitting by the dentist.