DANB and DALE Foundation Overview and Updates

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About DANB

DANB promotes the public good by providing credentialing services to the dental community. DANB has been certifying dental assistants for more than 65 years. DANB is proud to be recognized by the American Dental Association as the national certification board for dental assistants.
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DANB’s exams are recognized or required by 39 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Air Force. DANB certification is a source of pride for those who earn it and demonstrates a commitment to the dental assisting profession.
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DANB Exams and Certifications

DANB offers five national certifications:

• National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA®)
• Certified Dental Assistant™ (CDA®)
• Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA®)
• Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA®)
• Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant (CRFDA®)

DANB issued the first NELDA certification in July 2015.

As of April 1, 37,017 individuals hold 38,007 DANB certifications
About DANB

DANB offers certificates of knowledge-based competency in the following areas:

- AMP
- CP
- IM
- ICE
- IS
- RHS
- SE
- TMP
- TA
- TF

Over 262,000 individuals have earned DANB certificates of knowledge-based competency from 4/97 to present.
About the DALE Foundation

The DALE Foundation, the official DANB affiliate, offers interactive e-learning for oral healthcare professionals. More than 20,000 learners have established DALE Foundation accounts.

The DALE Foundation focuses on these core areas:

• Continuing education and DANB exam prep
• Scholarship
• Research
• Networking events
About the DALE Foundation

Currently, the DALE Foundation offers 24 e-learning products to help dental auxiliaries prepare for DANB exams, earn continuing education, meet state requirements, and expand their knowledge. Learn more at www.dalefoundation.org.

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DANB’s Salary Survey

DANB certificants reported **earning about $2 more per hour** than non-certified assistants. Certificants also reported several other benefits, including personal **pride**, increased **knowledge**, and more!

**Career mobility** was also noted as a top benefit.

DANB certificants reported high employer **loyalty**. They have been on average with the same employer for **8+ years**!

**Infection control** was noted as the top duty DANB certificants perform.
DANB’s Salary Survey

DANB certificants are committed to the profession and reported high career satisfaction. Nearly all of DANB certificants planned to renew their certification!

- 99% of CDA certificants plan to renew
- 96% would encourage others to earn certification
- 95% view dental assisting as a career
- 89% report high career satisfaction

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The DALE Foundation is conducting new research about the value of dental assistants to the dental practice. This study explores the value dental assistants bring to the practice in a variety of areas, including:

- Safety
- Efficiency
- Productivity
- And more!

Results will begin to be published later this year.

To contribute to this study, visit [www.dalefoundation.org](http://www.dalefoundation.org)
DALE Foundation Collaborations

The DALE Foundation and DANB are working with the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) on a multi-year infection control education and credentialing initiative.

The first joint OSAP-DALE Foundation educational product is already available. This product is a DALE Foundation Continuing Dental Education Article™ (CDEA®) module: Understanding CDC’s Summary of Infection Prevention Practices in Dental Settings.

For details, see www.dalefoundation.org
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Questions?
Thank You!

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