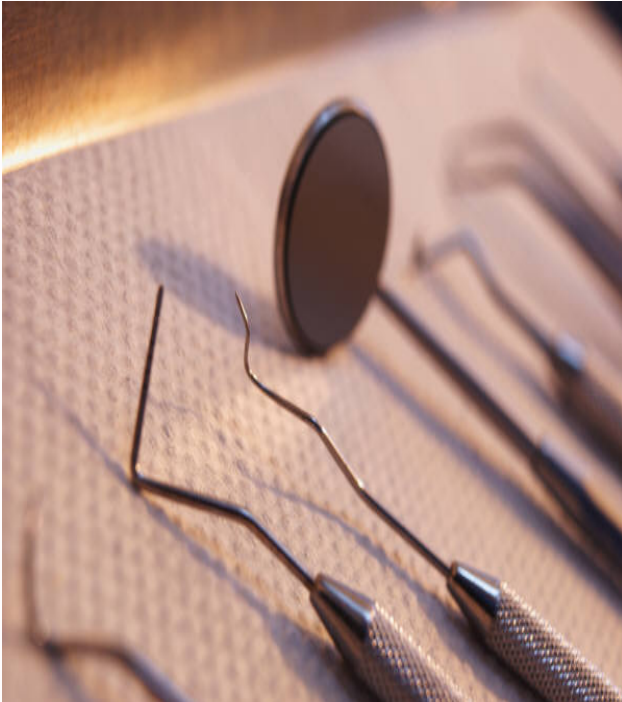


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Dental Assistant II

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Dental Assistants II

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- Regulations will be published as final rules on January 31, 2011 to become effective March 2, 2011.
- Current dental assistants continue as Dental Assistants I with no changes to permissible duties

- Dental Assistant II (DAII) is defined as a person under the direction and direct supervision of a dentist who is registered to perform reversible, intraoral procedures as specified in this chapter.

The first step to becoming a dental assistant II is qualifying as a certified dental assistant through the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB).

The next step is enrolling in a training program offered by an educational program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

The sponsoring program could be an accredited dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting program.

The DAll program must begin with 50 hours of didactic instruction in dental anatomy and operative dentistry and passage of a written exam.

The sponsoring program may offer this instruction online.

Laboratory training is next and is offered in 4 modules so the student can elect which ones to complete.

No more than 20% of the required hours can be completed in a dental office as homework.

The modules are:

- 40 hours in amalgam restorations including pulp capping procedures
- 60 hours in composite resin restorations including pulp capping procedures

- 20 hours in taking final impressions and use of non-epinephrine retraction cord and
- 30 hours in cementation of crowns and bridges after adjustment and fitting by the dentist

The student must pass a practical exam at the conclusion of each laboratory module.

Next is clinical experience in a dental office under the direct supervision of a dentist.

- 80 hours in amalgam restorations
- 120 hours in composite resin restorations
- 40 hours taking final impressions and using non-epinephrine retraction cord
- 60 hours of final cementation of crowns and bridges

Passage of a comprehensive examination at the conclusion of the three program components.

Registration with the Board is required to practice as a DAII

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- ▣ Application fee is \$100
- ▣ Annual renewal fee is \$50

DAsII must maintain certification with DANB

Registration by Endorsement

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- DANB certification
- Current registration for expanded functions with another board
- Substantially equivalent instruction and course content

While under the direction and direct supervision of a dentist DAsII may

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1. Perform pulp capping procedures
2. Pack and carve amalgam restorations
3. Place and shape composite resin restorations

4. Take final impressions
5. Use non-epinephrine retraction cord
6. Perform final cementation of crowns and bridges after adjustment and fitting by the dentist.

Definition changes

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- The definition of “direction” is changed and three levels of supervision are addressed
- Direction is the level of supervision that a dentist or dental hygienist is required to exercise to direct and oversee the delivery of treatment and related services.

- Direct supervision – only DAsII – dentist sees patient before, preps patient and examines after treatment

- Indirect supervision – DAsI and dental hygienists – dentist sees patient during the visit

- General supervision – only dental hygienists – dentist does not see patient but could be seeing other patients

3 Elements of direct supervision

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First, the dentist examines the patient and records diagnostic findings prior to delegating restorative or prosthetic treatment and related services to a dental assistant II for completion the same day or at a later date.

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Second, on the day of treatment the dentist prepares the tooth or teeth to be restored and remains immediately available to the dental assistant II for guidance or assistance during the delivery of treatment and related services.

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Third, the dentist examines the patient to evaluate the treatment and services before the patient is dismissed.

Scope of Supervision

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Dentists can direct up to 4 dental hygienists and dental assistants II at the same time in any combination.

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