

STATE OF IDAHO



BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Information for Dental Assistants

Dental assistants are not licensed or registered in the State of Idaho, however a dental assistant may be considered Board qualified in expanded functions, authorizing the assistant to perform any or all of the expanded functions upon satisfactory completion of Board approved training.

Assistants are not authorized to perform expanded function duties in Idaho prior to completion of Board approved training, or until out-of-state training has been evaluated and a certificate of registration has been issued by the Idaho Board of Dentistry.

For a complete list of requirements for dental assistant practice, please see Idaho Board of Dentistry Administrative Rule 35.

In-State training programs:

Below is an alphabetical list of programs in Idaho which offer Board approved training in the fundamentals of dental assisting and expanded functions. A certificate of completion of the fundamentals of dental assisting and expanded functions training issued by an approved program authorizes the assistant to perform expanded function duties in Idaho. *The Board does not endorse nor recommend one program over another.*

Public Programs

College of Southern Idaho
College of Western Idaho
Eastern Idaho Technical College
Idaho State University
Lewis Clark State College
North Idaho College

Proprietary Programs

Assist to Succeed* (Expanded Functions approved at the Boise and Idaho Falls locations only)
Mainspring Dental Training Center
Milan Institute

Private Program

Carrington College

*Fundamentals of Dental Assisting Only

Out-of-State Training Programs:

Assistants who have completed training in expanded functions at an out-of-state program may apply to the Board to obtain approval of the course(s). Typically this would require a letter from the training program verifying completion of the specific expanded function(s). Transcripts or copies of certificates are usually not specific enough. Expanded function duties authorized by the Board of Dentistry include the following: Fabrication and placement of temporary crowns; Mechanical polishing of restorations; Aiding in the administration of nitrous oxide; Application of pit and fissure sealants; Coronal polishing; and Use of a highspeed handpiece restricted to removal of orthodontic cement or resin.