

# Certified Dental Assistant

**Aligned Program of Study:** Therapeutic Services

## Description

Dental assistants work along-side dentists as they examine and treat patients. They position patients for comfort, assemble the necessary equipment for treatment, and obtain patients' dental records. Dental assistants also perform duties in the dental office and laboratory.

## Preparing to offer the certification

**Required Instructor Qualification**

CTE teachers with a Health Science endorsement are eligible to prepare students for this certification.

**Materials and Resources**

Preparation material availability varies by test owner and vendor

## Vendors + Certification Information

If TDOE does not currently have a data-sharing agreement with your selected vendor, the burden of proof to provide evidence of earning the certification will be on the school system.

<p><b>Materials, resources, registration, testing sites, test details, and prices vary by vendor. The following vendors are accredited by the <i>Institute for Credentialing Excellence</i>.</b></p> <p>* indicates a data-sharing agreement MOU with TDOE</p>		
Test Owner	Test Vendor	Test Information
<a href="#">American Medical Technologists</a>	<a href="#">Pearson VUE</a>	<a href="#">Test handbook</a>
<a href="#">Dental Assisting National Board</a>	<a href="#">Pearson VUE</a>	<a href="#">Test handbook</a>

## Other things to consider when selecting a vendor

Accreditation is the process by which a credentialing or educational program is evaluated against defined standards and is awarded recognition if it complies with those standards. The Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) currently offers accreditation to professional certification programs through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) which is recognized by the Department of Defense. All Health Science promoted industry certification credentialing companies are accredited through ICE.