

National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA)

Aligned Program of Study: Therapeutic Services

Aligned Courses: Dental Science (6134) followed by Clinical Internship (5933)

Accreditation

Accreditation is the process by which a credentialing or educational program is evaluated against defined standards and is awarded recognition if it is in compliance 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.

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.

Materials and Resources

Training materials can be found on the [DANB website](#).

Testing Sites

The NELDA exam is delivered in proctored environments Pearson VUE test centers. Testing Centers can be found at this [link](#).

Test Owner and Registration

Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.
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Registration Procedures and Testing Timeline:

Registration instructions and an exam timeline is available on the [DANB website](#).

Exam Codes	National Entry Level Dental Assistant
Website	www.danb.org
Requirements	Successful completion of a dental assisting program located within a high school that is recognized by the U.S. education system, AND current CPR or BLS from a DANB-accepted provider .
Test Components	DANB's NELDA certification exam is made up of three parts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) • Infection Control (ICE) • Anatomy, Morphology, and Physiology (AMP)
Number of Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) 100 • Infection Control (ICE) 100 • Anatomy, Morphology, and Physiology (AMP) 105
Type of Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) multiple choice • Infection Control (ICE) multiple choice • Anatomy, Morphology, and Physiology (AMP) multiple choice
Length of Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) 1.25 hours • Infection Control (ICE) 1.25 hours • Anatomy, Morphology, and Physiology (AMP) 80 minutes
Price	<p>Candidates may take all three exams together for a total cost of \$375</p> <p><i>Candidates may also take the test components separately:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) \$250 • Infection Control (ICE) \$250 • Anatomy, Morphology, and Physiology (AMP) \$225 <p>The RHS and ICE tests can be taken together for \$325, a lower cost than if taken individually.</p>