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 alongside 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.  
444 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Phone: (800) 367-3262

**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](http://www.danb.org).

### Test Components
DANB’s NELDA certification exam is made up of three parts.
- Radiation Health and Safety (RHS)
- Infection Control (ICE)
- Anatomy, Morphology, and Physiology (AMP)

### Number of Questions
- Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) 100
- Infection Control (ICE) 100
- Anatomy, Morphology, and Physiology (AMP) 105

### Type of Questions
- Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) multiple choice
- Infection Control (ICE) multiple choice
- Anatomy, Morphology, and Physiology (AMP) multiple choice

### Length of Test
- Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) 1.25 hours
- Infection Control (ICE) 1.25 hours
- Anatomy, Morphology, and Physiology (AMP) 80 minutes

### Price
Candidates may take all three exams together for a total cost of $375.

Candidates may also take the test components separately:
- Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) $250
- Infection Control (ICE) $250
- Anatomy, Morphology, and Physiology (AMP) $225

The RHS and ICE tests can be taken together for $325, a lower cost than if taken individually.