

# Professional Licensure or Certification Disclosure

## Dental Assisting

*This disclosure is being made in compliance with federal regulation 34 CFR §668.43*

Completion of the program provides eligibility to sit for the Registered Dental certification through American Medical Technologist (AMT).

Students can read about certification exam eligibility here: [American Medical Technologists \(AMT\) > Dental Assistant \(americanmedtech.org\)](http://American Medical Technologists (AMT) > Dental Assistant (americanmedtech.org)).

- ✓ Midwestern Career College (MCC) has determined that the curriculum of MCC's Dental Assisting program meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certification for Dental Assisting in the following states: Illinois and Wisconsin.
- ✓ Midwestern Career College (MCC) has determined that the curriculum of MCC's Dental Assisting program alone does not meet the state educational requirements for licensure or certification for Dental Assisting in the state of Indiana, as Indiana requires an additional radiography licensure/certification.
- ✓ MCC was unable to determine if completion of MCC's Dental Assisting program meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certifications Dental Assisting in other 47 states and the U.S. territories.

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Please be aware that there may be additional professional licensure or certification requirements like professional examinations, continuing education, background checks, years of work experience, fingerprinting requirements, etc. which are not covered by academic program's curriculum. Additional requirements may differ by state. Current and prospective students are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate licensing or credentialing agency for their location or the state at which they desire to be licensed or certified to seek information and additional guidance.

Midwestern Career College strives to ensure that the information provided on this page is accurate and up to date. However, as professional licensure and certification requirements are subject to change at any time, students are strongly encouraged to regularly check with the certification boards and other credentialing agencies to confirm professional licensure and certification requirements for their program of study.

*The links and information below lead to websites and content created by other public and private organizations. These links are provided for the user's convenience only and are not part of the MCC's Professional Licensure or Certification Disclosure.*

## **Illinois Dental Assisting**

### **Registered Dental Assisting Laws and Regulations**

#### **Certification**

The State of Illinois does not require dental assistants to be certified to work in the state, but professional certification is strongly preferred and often required by the employers.

As stated [American Medical Technologists \(AMT\) > Dental Assistant \(americanmedtech.org\)](http://americanmedtech.org) “...because certification is voluntary, the choice to become certified exhibits pride in the profession, the desire to be recognized for mastery of scientific principles, as well as an ongoing commitment to quality patient care. Certification is a means for upward mobility, a condition for employment, a route to higher pay, and a source of recognition nationwide. Approved candidates who take and pass the RDA examination are authorized to use the initials RDA as long as they maintain certification currency.”

#### **Registration**

Applicants must meet one of the following routes to be eligible to apply for an RDA certification exam. Applicant shall be a graduate of, or scheduled to graduate from, an accredited dental assisting program. Training programs must be structured in office assisting skills, dental science, clinical procedures, and dental radiography. Applicants must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

#### **License**

The State of Illinois does not require dental assistants to have a license to work in the state. However, individual healthcare facilities may require dental assistants to be certified as a condition of employment. Please contact the facility for more information on its hiring requirements. A dental assistant in Illinois may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.

## **Wisconsin Dental Assisting**

### **Laws and Regulations**

Currently, this state does not have any laws or regulations that require dental assistants to be licensed, certified, or registered to work in the state. However, individual healthcare facilities may require dental assistants to be certified as a condition of employment. Please contact the facility for more information on its hiring requirements. An unlicensed person in Wisconsin may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act under the supervision of a licensed dentist. Any dentist who delegates any remedial dental procedure or function to an unlicensed person must first provide training to or verify competence of the person in the performance of the procedure or function.

## **Indiana Dental Assisting**

### **Dental Assisting Laws and Regulations**

### **Certification**

The State of Indiana prohibits individuals from using the title “Certified Dental Assistant” or using the initials “CDA” unless the individual has and maintains the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) credential from the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), to practice in the state. The state of Indiana does not require dental assistants to be certified to work in the state, however a dental assistant must be radiograph certified to administer radiographs in the state of Indiana.

Read the Law: [Indiana State Requirements \(danb.org\)](http://danb.org)

- [Indiana Dental Assistant Requirements \(dalefoundation.org\)](http://dalefoundation.org)

### **License/Registration**

The State of Indiana does require dental assistants to have a radiology license or to register with the state to complete radiographs in the state.