

## Dental Assisting Certifications

Professional certifications are used to demonstrate a professional level of training, experience and/or ability to potential employers and clients. The following is a list of the most common professional certifications held by dental assistants and other dental staff. As you attain these, list them on your resume, usually under a separate section called "Certifications". Professional certifications may also be use in cover letter, portfolios and even posted in an office/clinics.

**Certifications:** DANB certified in CDA (RHS+ ICE+AMP=NELDA), GC , COA, CPFDA, CRFDA; EFDA, EFODA; Oregon Radiological Proficiency certificate; Sealant certificate; Soft Reline certificate; BLS/CPR certificate

**Associations:** Memberships in American Dental Assistants Association, National Association of Dental Assistants, National Dental Assistants Association

## Equipment/Tools/Instruments

Use the following lists to show the equipment and tools you have used and are familiar with on your resume. You may have additional technologies not shown on this list. List your tools in a separate section or under Skills/Qualifications.

**Dental dam supplies** — Molar clamps; Rubber dam clamp forceps; Rubber dam punches; Rubber dams

**Dental forceps** — Cotton forceps; Extracting forceps; Splinter forceps; Tongue forceps

**Dental hand pieces or accessories** — Dental handpieces; Electric endodontic handpieces; Electric surgical handpieces; Rotary handpieces

**Dental probes** — Dental explorers; Double-ended probes; Single-ended periodontal probes

**Dental saliva ejectors or oral suction devices or supplies** — Evacuator systems; High-velocity evacuators; Saliva ejectors

**Dental syringes or needles or syringes with needles** — Aspirating syringes; Cartridge syringes; Needles

**Dental x ray units** — Dental x ray machines; Intraoral x ray equipment; Panoramic x ray equipment

**Medical radiological shielding aprons or masks or drapes** — Lead aprons; Protective shielding equipment; Thyroid collars

**Orthodontic pliers** — Contouring orthodontic pliers; Dental crimping pliers; Dental pliers; Intraoral detailing pliers

**Steam autoclaves or sterilizers** — Autoclaves; Steam cleaning equipment; Steam sterilizers; Sterilizers