

**Administrative Rules Committee**  
**Testimony on Proposed Rules for the Board of Dental Examiners**  
**December 8, 2014**

Chairman Devlin and members of the Administrative Rules Committee, for the record I am Rod St. Aubyn representing the ND Dental Hygienist Association (NDDHA). Though we support most of the proposed rules offered by the Board of Dental Examiners, we want to let you know that the NDDHA has some significant concerns about certain aspects of the proposed rules. Following my testimony, I have asked Dana Schmit, the immediate past president of our Association and a licensed registered dental hygienist, to address some of the technical issues that are affected with these proposed rules and/or answer any questions that you may have.

For your perspective I want to highlight the specific minimum education and qualifications that ND licensed registered dental hygienists (RDH) must meet as per the ND Century Code:

- Must be a graduate of a dental hygiene school accredited by the American dental association's commission on dental accreditation.
- Must pass an examination administered by the joint commission on national dental examinations.
- Must pass a clinical competency examination administered by a regional dental testing service or a licensing jurisdiction approved by the board by rule.
- Upon applying for licensure, within one year of making application, must pass a written examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry in this state.

I have listed in order of page number the issues we are opposed to or ones that we bring to your attention. Those issues are as follows:

1. The deletion in the definition of "Coronal polishing" found on page 37. This proposal removes the limitation of this procedure for only dentist or a hygienist. Dentist and a RDH have received specific training, education, and practical experience to do this procedure. We believe that this was changed to accommodate #7 in the list below.
2. Definition of "Oral assessment" as found on page 38. This new definition is referenced on pages 56, and 59 for the dental assistant and on page 64 for the RDH. We do not object to the use of this definition on page 64, but object to the expansion of this role for the dental assistant. Their limited education, either formal or on the job, does not appropriately qualify them for these assessments. Once again we feel that this was established to accommodate #7 below.
3. Definition of "Supragingival scaling" found on page 39. This definition was added to accommodate issue #7 that we oppose. It can be found beyond the initial definition on pages 57, 61, and 62 dealing with the expanded role for the dental assistant.

4. On page 55, it states that “4. A registered dental assistant may perform the following duties under the direct or indirect supervision of a dentist”. In reviewing the rules, we were not sure what that meant. Who determines if it is direct or indirect? Does this mean that dentist A may specify that a dental assistant can only do these items in direct supervision, while dentist B states that they can be done by indirect supervision? This wording may cause problems in the future. We do not have an issue with this, but just wanted to bring it to your attention.
5. As I previously pointed out, on pages 56 and 59, the dental assistant can provide input for Oral Assessments. We object to that expansion of duties. They simply do not have the formal education to be qualified for this.
6. This is similar to number 4 above, on page 56, “A registered dental assistant may perform the following duties under the direct, indirect, or general supervision of a dentist”. Who determines? Once again, we do not have an issue with this, but wanted to bring it to your attention as it could cause questions or concerns in the future.
7. On page 57, it states that “A registered dental assistant authorized by permit and under the direct supervision of a dentist may perform supragingival scaling duties to a patient that is at least twelve years of age or less.” This is the major issue that we have concerns for the public. This is simply bad public policy and is more appropriately the duty of a registered dental hygienist.

One of the significant duties of a RDH is that of scaling of patients’ teeth (teeth cleaning). Based on national research and experience, proper and timely teeth cleaning prevents periodontal disease and other serious health conditions. This involves supragingival scaling (above the gum line), subgingival scaling (below the gum line) and interproximal scaling (between the teeth).

At the first public hearing (March 12, 2014) the original proposed rules were presented. At that hearing dental assistants proposed a NEW rule to permit them to do supragingival scaling as one of their allowed duties. This was not included in the original proposed rules. After that hearing, The Board of Dental Examiners approved the proposed rules to permit this new duty for dental assistants. The NDDHA opposed adopting this new rule for several reasons including the fact that the new proposal was never submitted for public comment. The Board agreed to have another public comment hearing on this new proposal. The NDDHA, many RDH, a couple of dentists, a few dental assistants, and some consumers voiced opposition to that proposal. To the best of our knowledge the Board received over 160 comments opposed to the new rule and only 15 to 20 comments supportive of the new proposal.

After that hearing the Board elected to permit this new rule, but they limited it to children 12 and under. That is what is reflected in the rules before your committee. It can be found on page 57 of your rules for consideration. The public was never afforded the opportunity to discuss this NEW version of the proposed rule.

There are several reasons for our strong opposition to this new proposal.

- Proper oral hygiene includes the total process of teeth cleaning. When someone goes in for an annual medical checkup it makes no sense to have the doctor check only the upper part of the body, nor does it make sense to delegate that authority to someone who has not received the training and has the experience of a licensed RDH, nor does it make sense to only clean part of the tooth.
  - If it is bad public policy to permit only supragingival scaling for adults by Dental Assistants, why would it be permissible for children 12 or under?
  - Should the consumer/third party payer pay for teeth cleaning when they may be only receiving cleaning of the teeth above the gum line? To our knowledge, there is NO insurance code for just supragingival scaling.
  - We can find absolutely no evidence-based research to support this proposed rule. Only one other state permits this (Kansas) and they are reconsidering that decision.
  - What is the need for this proposed rule change? Currently, there is an abundance of RDH's in our state, but in some locations a shortage of dental assistants (DA). RDH's have specific training and education for this important dental procedure. Compare the educational and experience requirement of the two trades. We don't disparage the role of the DA. They also play a significant role within the dental industry. However, teeth cleaning is one component of dental care RDH's are specifically trained for.
8. On pages 58 and 59 there are some changes that we wanted to bring to the committee's attention. The functions listed below in the public health setting can be done under general supervision, however the same functions in a private practice dental office will need to have direct or indirect supervision. I have highlighted the areas below where the DA is able to do them under general supervision in Public Health areas but not in the general office.

**20-03-01-01.2. Registered dental assistant in a public health setting.**

For the purposes of this section a public health setting shall include schools, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, medical facilities, mobile dental health programs, head start programs, and any other facilities or programs where Medicaid-eligible and other vulnerable populations are targeted. A registered dental assistant under the **general supervision of a dentist and in a public health setting may perform the following duties:**

1. Assist a dental hygienist who is performing services within the scope and supervision requirements as provided by chapter 20-04-01.
  2. Take and record pulse, blood pressure, and temperature.
  3. Take and record preliminary dental and medical history for the interpretation by the dentist.
  4. Apply topical medications and drugs to oral tissues, including topical anesthetic, but not including desensitizing or caustic agents or anticariogenic agents.
  5. Receive removable dental prosthesis for cleaning or repair.
  6. Take impressions for study casts.
  7. Take occlusal bite registration for study casts.
  8. Apply pit and fissure sealants if the registered dental assistant has provided documentation of a board-approved sealant course. Adjust sealants with a slow-speed handpiece.
  9. Polish the coronal surfaces of the teeth with a rubber cup or brush.
  10. Polish restorations with a slow-speed handpiece.
  11. Place and remove periodontal dressings, dry socket medications, and packing.
  12. Remove sutures.
  13. Fabricate, adjust, place, recement, or remove a temporary crown, bridge, or onlay or temporary restorative material. This applies only to dentitions actively under treatment for which a permanent restoration is being fabricated.
  14. Cut and remove arch wires or replace loose bands, loose brackets, or other orthodontic appliances for palliative treatment.
  15. Provide oral hygiene education and instruction.
  16. Provide an oral assessment for interpretation by the dentist.
  17. Repack dry socket medication and packing for palliative treatment.
9. Page 61 (#3) and 62, why is there no specific required program completion requirements for supragingival scaling, where it is only stated as board-approved? If you look at the actual licensing for these professions it refers to a specific accredited entity. However, this just states board-approved. Without some specifics, someone could be in compliance one year, but not be in compliance in future years. It is simply at the discretion of the Board. It is not written in law or by administrative rule. Also it states that the board "may require a competency examination", whereas the Century Code requires that RDH's "must pass a clinical competency examination administered by a regional dental testing service or a licensing jurisdiction approved by the board by rule"?

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I totally recognize the legislature's discomfort with issues like this that often look like "turf wars." However, our concerns are one of public safety and appropriate dental services being furnished by appropriately trained and educated dental providers. Mr. Chairman, I would be willing to answer other questions related to my testimony. I also have Ms. Dana Schmit here to answer any technical questions or questions related to the profession.

= DA (AAS) requires all green highlighted courses plus those highlighted in orange



## Dental Hygiene

### Dental Hygiene

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#### Delivery Methods

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The Dental Hygiene program is designed to prepare students as professionals in the discipline of dental hygiene. The dental hygienist, a licensed member of the dental health team, provides dental health education, promotes and encourages the preventive aspects of dental care, removes stains and deposits from teeth, exposes and processes dental radiographs, administers local anesthesia, provides many other patient treatment procedures and assumes other responsibilities in the dental office.

#### Career Opportunities

Dental hygienists are typically employed in general dental practices or specialty practices. Dental hygienists also can apply their skills and knowledge in other career activities including public health, corporate dental representative, dental office management and dental hygiene education depending on the level of education and experience they have achieved.

#### Dental Hygiene Curriculum

The Dental Hygiene program consists of classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences emphasizing skill development, self-assessment and professionalism offered over five continuous semesters. The majority of the clinical experience is in the NDSCS dental clinic. Students are also assigned to off-campus affiliation sites to enhance their dental hygiene education. Students must provide their own transportation to off-campus affiliation sites. Criminal background checks may be required by affiliation sites.

The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611-2678

The program adheres to the NDSCS Equal Opportunity Policy as stated in the NDSCS Catalog. Dental Hygiene Program Competencies, Program Goals, and Essential Functions are available on the website at [www.ndscs.edu](http://www.ndscs.edu).

#### Admission Requirements\*

Applicants will be admitted to the program following a selection process. The following requirements must be met by **March 1** to be considered for selection. Applicants that apply after the **March 1** deadline can complete the admission requirements and be placed on the alternate list. Alternates will be selected based on points if openings become available until the first day of class fall semester.

1. Complete the NDSCS Application for Admission, Re-application or Change of Program. Forms at [www.ndscs.edu](http://www.ndscs.edu).
2. Submit to Enrollment Services your official high school transcript, official college transcript(s) and ACT minimum composite of 19; OR twelve college semester credits with a minimum GPA of 2.50.
3. Submit to Dental Hygiene Program (fax 701-671-3412):
  - a. Documentation of 8 observation hours of a dental hygienist.
  - b. Copy of final fall semester transcript from current college attending (including NDSCS).
4. Complete HOBET (Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test). Contact by email [alliedhealthcareers@ndscs.edu](mailto:alliedhealthcareers@ndscs.edu) or 701-671-2984 to schedule a time.
5. Complete pre-requisite courses by January 1: Introductory Chemistry (CHEM 115 and 115L), Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 220 and 220L) and College Composition I (ENGL 110). Complete pre-requisite course by May 15: Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOL 221 and 221L) with a "C" or higher.
6. Bonus admission points will also be awarded for: Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry (CHEM 116 and 116L), Elementary Statistics (MATH 210) and taking pre-requisite courses at NDSCS.

Applicants with English as a second language will be required to complete an

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
DHYG 101	Pre-Clinic	1
DHYG 101L	Pre-Clinic Lab	3
DHYG 102	Clinic I	1
DHYG 102L	Clinic I Lab	4
DHYG 103	Clinic II	1
DHYG 103L	Clinic II Lab	3
DHYG 110	Oral Anatomy	2
DHYG 112	Oral Embryology and Histology	1
DHYG 114	Dental Radiology	3
DHYG 145	Periodontics I	1
DHYG 201	Clinic III Lecture	1
DHYG 201L	Clinic III Lab	4
DHYG 202	Clinic IV	1
DHYG 202L	Clinic IV Lab	4
DHYG 209	Head and Neck Anatomy	1
DHYG 210	Local Anesthesia	1
DHYG 212	Oral Pathology	1
DHYG 220	Community Dental Health	2
DHYG 242	Dental Materials	3
DHYG 243	Dental Jurisprudence	1
DHYG 245	Periodontics II	1

#### Related/General Education Courses

BIOL 213	General Pathology	3
CHEM 116	Intro to Organic and Biochemistry	3
CHEM 116L	Intro to Organic and Biochemistry Lab	1
CIS 101	Computer Literacy	2
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
FYE 101	Science of Success	1
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
MICR 202	Introductory Microbiology	3
MICR 202L	Introductory Microbiology Lab	1
NUTR 240	Principles of Nutrition (and Diet Therapy)	3
PHRM 201	Dental Pharmacology	2
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3

#### Total Required Credits

71

+ plus lower level Biology & English class

English language proficiency exam and meet the benchmark score. Contact the program to schedule the assessment if this applies.

The program is a limited enrollment program. Applicants will be selected on a point system. Once program capacity is reached, an alternate list will be established based on points. It is recommended that applicants stay in close contact with the program as they complete their admission requirements email [ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu](mailto:ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu) or call 701-671-2333.

Specific immunizations, CPR certification (Healthcare Provider or Professional Rescuer), and documentation of a recent eye exam will be required. Visit our website for additional information at [www.ndscs.edu/dental](http://www.ndscs.edu/dental).

\*Program Admission Requirements are subject to revision. Please check the department or program website under Program Admission Requirements for current information.

#### Award

Upon program completion of the required courses ("C" or higher), students will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene.

Licensure requirements for dental hygienists include successful completion of the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination and a regional clinical examination, i.e. CRDTS, WREB. Individual states have additional licensure requirements. A criminal background check will be required.

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## Dental Assisting (AAS degree)

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- assisting the dentist during a variety of procedures and direct patient care;
- helping patients feel comfortable before, during and after treatment;
- taking patient's medical history and vital signs;
- exposing and developing dental radiographs (X-rays);
- teaching patients appropriate oral hygiene strategies to maintain oral health;
- taking impressions of patient's teeth for study models;
- applying preventive agents such as fluoride or pit and fissure sealants;
- serving as an infection control officer, developing infection control protocol and preparing and sterilizing instruments and equipment;
- performing office management tasks such as scheduling appointments, answering the telephone, billing, ordering and computer use;
- provide other expanded duties according to state regulations.

### Career Opportunities

- solo and group dental practices;
- general or specialty practices such as oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, dentofacial orthopedics, endodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics and pediatric dentistry; and
- sales and marketing of dental products.

The Dental Assisting program includes curriculum content in general studies, biodental sciences, dental sciences, clinical sciences and clinical practice. Students receive more than 300 hours of on-the-job training in community and regional dental offices in addition to courses taken on campus. Students will be required to cover all expenses associated with affiliation and internship assignments. Criminal background checks and specific immunizations may be required by some clinical sites.

The Dental Assisting program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611-2678.

A certificate in Dental Assisting is also available. Please see separate fact sheet for additional information.

### Admission Requirements\*

High school preparation should include biology, chemistry and algebra. Program selection is based on completion of prerequisites and academic performance. The following criteria must be complete by March 1 prior to entry into the Dental Assisting program. Applicants that apply after the March 1 deadline can complete the admission requirements and be placed on the alternate list. Alternates will be selected based on points if openings become available until the first day of class fall semester.

1. High school diploma or GED.
2. Satisfaction of the following: Minimum of 2.0 high school GPA and ACT minimum composite of 17; OR twelve college semester credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0.
3. 8 hours of chairside dental assisting observation. Fax to 701-671-3412.
4. Points are awarded for grades in high school biology, algebra and chemistry and college anatomy and microbiology will also be considered.
5. Complete HOBET (Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test). Email alliedhealthcareers@ndscs.edu or call 701-671-2984 to schedule a day/time.

Applicants with English as a second language will be required to complete an English language proficiency exam and meet the benchmark score. Contact the program to schedule the assessment if this applies.

### Curriculum Requirements

A grade of "C" or above must be achieved in all DAST and DHYG courses in order to advance in the program.

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
DAST 105	Office Practice and Management	1
DAST 111	Introduction to Chairside Assisting	3
DAST 120	Dental Assisting Expanded Function	2
DAST 132	Clinical Training I	3
DAST 132L	Clinical Training I: Clinic	2
DAST 133	Clinical Training II	4
DAST 144	Biodental Science	2
DHYG 101	Pre-Clinic I	1
DHYG 110	Oral Anatomy	2
DHYG 114	Dental Radiology	3
DHYG 242	Dental Materials	3
FYE 101	Science of Success	1
MICR 202	Introductory Microbiology	3
MICR 202L	Introductory Microbiology Lab	1
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
CIS 101	Computer Literacy	2
NUTR 240	Principles of Nutrition (and Diet Therapy)	3
BIOL 115	Human Structure and Function	3
BIOL 115L	Human Structure and Function Lab	1
or BIOL 220	Anatomy and Physiology I (3)	
BIOL 220L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab (1)	
and BIOL 221	Anatomy and Physiology II (3)	
BIOL 221L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab (1)	
ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
English elective (choose one)		3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
ENGL 105	Technical Communications	
General Education electives (To be chosen with advisor)		14
<b>Total Required Credits for Associate</b>		<b>66</b>

A current CPR credential (Health Care Provider or Professional Rescuer), eye exam and specific immunizations are required upon acceptance.

The program adheres to the NDSCS Equal Opportunity Policy as stated in the *NDSCS Catalog*. Dental Assisting Program Competencies, Program Goals, and Essential Functions are available on the website at [www.ndscs.edu](http://www.ndscs.edu).

### Additional Information

The program is a limited enrollment program. Applicants will be selected on a point system. Once program capacity is reached, an alternate list will be established based on points. It is recommended that applicants stay in close contact with the program as they complete their admission requirements. Visit our website at [www.ndscs.edu/dental](http://www.ndscs.edu/dental) for additional information or email the program at [ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu](mailto:ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu) or call 701-671-2333.

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### Award

Upon successful completion of the required courses ("C" or higher), students will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree in Dental Assisting. Graduates will meet requirements to become registered within the state and eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board.

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## Dental Assisting (Certificate)

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DAST 111	Introduction to Chairside Assisting	3
DAST 120	Dental Assisting Expanded Function	2
DAST 132	Clinical Training I	3
DAST 132L	Clinical Training I: Clinic	2
DAST 133	Clinical Training II	4
DAST 144	Biodental Science	2
DHYG 101	Pre-Clinic I	1
DHYG 110	Oral Anatomy	2
DHYG 114	Dental Radiology	3
DHYG 242	Dental Materials	3
FYE 101	Science of Success	1
MICR 202	Introductory Microbiology	3
MICR 202L	Introductory Microbiology Lab	1
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
BIOL 115	Human Structure and Function	3
BIOL 115L	Human Structure and Function Lab	1
ENGL 105	Technical Communications	3
<b>Total Required Credits for Certificate</b>		<b>41</b>

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- assisting the dentist during a variety of procedures and direct patient care;
- helping patients feel comfortable before, during and after treatment;
- taking patient's medical history and taking vital signs;
- exposing and developing dental radiographs (X-rays);
- teaching patients appropriate oral hygiene strategies to maintain oral health;
- taking impressions of patient's teeth for study models;
- applying preventive agents such as fluoride or pit and fissure sealants;
- serving as an infection control officer, developing infection control protocol and preparing and sterilizing instruments and equipment;
- performing office management tasks such as scheduling appointments, answering the telephone, billing, ordering and computer use;
- provide other expanded duties according to state regulations.

### Career Opportunities

- solo and group dental practices;
- general or specialty practices such as oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, dentofacial orthopedics, endodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics and pediatric dentistry; and
- sales and marketing of dental products.

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### Admission Requirements\*

High school preparation should include biology, chemistry and algebra. Program selection is based on completion of prerequisites and academic performance. The following criteria must be complete by March 1 prior to entry into the Dental Assisting program. Applicants that apply after the March 1 deadline can complete the admission requirements and be placed on the alternate list. Alternates will be selected based on points if openings become available until the first day of class fall semester.

1. High school diploma or GED.
2. Satisfaction of the following: Minimum of 2.0 high school GPA and ACT minimum composite of 17; OR twelve college semester credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0.
3. 8 hours of chairside dental assisting observation. Fax to 701-671-3412.
4. Points are awarded for grades in high school biology, algebra and chemistry and college anatomy and microbiology will also be considered.
5. Complete HOBET (Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test). Contact by email [alliedhealthcareers@ndscs.edu](mailto:alliedhealthcareers@ndscs.edu) or 701-671-2984 to schedule a day/time.

Applicants with English as a second language will be required to complete an English

### Additional Information

The NDSCS Dental Assisting program is a limited-enrollment program and selection is based on a point system. The Enrollment Services office and the Allied Dental Education Department will provide student advising and details regarding criteria for program acceptance. Contact information: 701-671-2333 or [ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu](mailto:ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu).

Program website contains selection criteria and program goals [www.ndscs.edu/dental](http://www.ndscs.edu/dental).

### Award

Upon successful completion of the required courses ("C" or higher), students will be awarded a certificate in Dental Assisting. Graduates will meet requirements to become registered within the state and eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board.

language proficiency exam and meet the benchmark score. Contact the program to schedule the assessment if this applies.

A current CPR credential (Health Care Provider or Professional Rescuer) eye exam and specific immunizations are required upon acceptance.

An Associate in Applied Science degree in Dental Assisting is also available. Please see separate fact sheet for additional information.

*\*Program Admission Requirements are subject to revision. Please check the department or program website under Program Admission Requirements for current information.*

### Curriculum Requirements

A grade of "C" or above must be achieved in all DAST and DHYG courses in order to advance in the program.

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## DENTAL ASSISTANT Requirements:

### ○ Registered (Authorizes you to perform all duties listed in ND Administrative Code 20-03-01-01(1-32)):

- Must submit application to the executive director.
- Must submit \$130.00 application fee.
- Must submit one or more of the following:
  - Verification of passing the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)
  - Verification of completion of ADA-accredited program in Dental Assisting
- Verification of CPR within the last 24 months. Submit copy of CPR card.
- Verification of completion of Infection Control course in the last 2 years. If you are a graduate of a dental assisting school in the last 2 years or took the DANB exam less than 2 years ago, you may use the date of graduate or the test date.
- If you graduated or passed DANB more than one year ago, submit 16 hours of Continuing Education verification
- Verification from other jurisdictions in which registered, if applicable
- All assistants are required to pass an open-book jurisprudence exam. You have 10 days to complete and return the exam to the Board office. Please contact the Board office when you wish to have it sent to you. It is not available online. The jurisprudence exam open book format is designed to assist you in becoming acquainted with the laws and rules pertaining to your profession. Upon receipt of satisfactory test scores the applicant will receive a dental assistant registration. The test must be passed within one year of application.

### Qualified (Authorizes you to take x-rays and perform duties listed in ND Administrative Code 20-03-01-01(1-7)):

- Must submit application to the executive director.
- Must submit \$130.00 application fee.
- Must submit verification of completing 650 hours of dental assisting instruction including on-the-job training.
- Must submit verification of successfully completion of a board-approved infection control seminar and passed the x-ray and infection control portions of the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exams.
- Must have CPR in the last 24 months. Submit copy of CPR card.
- Verification of completion of Infection Control course in the last 2 years. If you took the DANB exam less than 2 years ago, you may use the test date.
- If you passed the x-ray and infection control portions of the DANB exam more than one year ago, submit 16 hours of Continuing Education verification
- All assistants are required to pass an open-book jurisprudence exam. You have 10 days to complete and return the exam to the Board office. Please contact the Board office when you wish to have it sent to you. It is not available online. The jurisprudence exam open book format is designed to assist you in becoming acquainted with the laws and rules pertaining to your profession. Upon receipt of satisfactory test scores the applicant will receive a dental assistant registration. The test must be passed within one year of application.

- Verification from other jurisdictions in which registered, if applicable
  - Must have CPR and Infection Control in the last 24 months. Submit copy of CPR card. Verification of completion of Infection Control course if graduated from a dental assisting school or took the DANB exam more than 2 years ago.
  - You will need to submit 8 hours of continuing education if you graduated from a dental assisting school or took the DANB exam more than 2 years ago. You may submit copies of the certificates or submit the information on the Continuing Education form available in the Forms section on the Licensure page.
  - Must complete the Jurisprudence Exam. Please contact the Board office to have an exam and Rules book sent to you.
- Checklist on the Licensure page.

### **Hygienist: Requirements:**

- Must submit “Application for Dentist or Dental Hygienist” and fee of \$200/new graduate or \$450/license by credential review to the Board 30 days in advance of the next Board meeting. If the fee is not submitted with the application only the application will be returned to the candidate. The Board will not return other application items sent by the applicant such as references, or transcripts, but will keep these documents for a period of six months. Licensure fees are nonrefundable. All other items may follow at any time before the Board meeting. The application and other forms are available for print in the Forms section on the Licensure page.
- Must be a graduate of an ADA-accredited dental hygiene school
- Must successfully complete a Board-approved national examination. Please click on the Examination page at the left for more information.
- Must successfully complete the ND Jurisprudence examination.