

**21 NCAC 16H .0104 APPROVED EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS**

(a) To be classified as a Dental Assistant II, an assistant shall have and maintain an unexpired CPR certification and shall complete:

- (1) a dental assisting program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation ("CODA"), a list of which is available at no cost at [coda.ada.org/find-a-program/search-dental-programs](http://coda.ada.org/find-a-program/search-dental-programs) and is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions;
- (2) one complete school year or longer in a CODA-accredited dental hygiene program;
- (3) a dental assisting program offered through a branch of the U.S. armed forces at the Medical Education & Training Campus that includes a clinical rotation providing dental assisting for live patients;
- (4) the Certified Dental Assistant certification examinations administered by the Dental Assisting National Board ("DANB") with a passing score as set by DANB; or
- (5) the following:
  - (A) employment as a Dental Assistant I for two years of the preceding five, consisting of at least 3,000 hours total; and
  - (B) a 3-hour course in sterilization and infection control, and a 3-hour course in dental office emergencies. The courses shall be offered by Board-approved course sponsors as set out in 21 NCAC 16I .0202.

(b) A Dental Assistant I who has completed the requirements of Part (a)(5)(B) of this Rule but not completed the employment hours required pursuant to Part (a)(5)(A) may be trained by a licensed dentist and allowed to perform the functions of a Dental Assistant II, as specified in Rule .0203 of this Subchapter, under the direct control and supervision of a licensed dentist.

(c) For purposes of this Rule, an unexpired CPR certification is one that is in effect and valid at the time of classification as a Dental Assistant II and remains so at all times while employed as a Dental Assistant II or while performing any of the permitted functions under Rule .0203 of this Subchapter.

(d) A dental assistant shall not take radiographs before completing radiology training consistent with G.S. 90-29(c)(12).

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