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(a) To be classified as a Dental Assistant II, an assistant shall have and maintain an unexpired CPR certification and also shall meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) completion of:
 - (A) an ADA-accredited dental assisting program; or
 - (B) one academic year or longer in an ADA-accredited dental hygiene program;
- (2) completion of the Dental Assistant certification examination(s) administered by the Dental Assisting National Board; or
- (3) completion of:
 - (A) employment as a Dental Assistant I for two years of the preceding five, consisting of at least 3,000 hours total;
 - (B) a 3-hour course in sterilization and infection control; and
 - (C) a 3-hour course in dental office emergencies.

(b) A Dental Assistant I who has completed the requirements of Parts (a)(3)(B)-(C) of this Rule but not completed the training pursuant to Part (a)(3)(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, except that a Dental Assistant I performing the functions of a Dental Assistant II pursuant to this Paragraph shall not perform the coronal polishing function set out in Rule .0203(a)(21) of this Subchapter.

(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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