

# Proposal for Change in Levels of Nebraska Dental Assistant

**Functions Not Permitted:** Exam, Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, Surgical Procedures (including removal of tooth structure), Prescribing Drugs, Local Anesthesia with Syringe, Scaling and Root planing (removing hard deposits on teeth). Green=areas of agreement; Red=areas of disagreement

Level of Dental Assisting	Requirements/Recommendations	<b>Direct Supervision</b> (Dentist Onsite, authorizes procedure, remains in office and evaluates before pt. dismissed)	<b>Indirect Supervision</b> (Dentist onsite, authorizes procedure)	<b>General Super vision</b> (Dentist not on-site, but has authorized procedure)
<p style="color: blue;"><b>Dental Assistant</b></p> <p><b>NDHA Proposal</b></p>	<p style="color: red;">19 y/o (have a minimum age requirement)</p> <p style="color: red;">CPR (required)</p>	<p>Current duties as outlined in state rules/ regs</p> <p style="color: red;">Monitor nitrous oxide (CPR certification required) and basic course in monitoring nitrous oxide similar to what a Dental Hygienist takes to monitor nitrous oxide.</p>	<p>Current duties as outlined in state rules/regs</p> <p>Take dental x-rays (course and certification required)</p> <p>Coronal polishing (course, certificate, and 1500 hrs. experience required)</p>	
<p><b>PROPOSALS AGREE</b></p>	<p style="color: green;">Infection control training (per federal OSHA requirement)</p> <p style="color: green;">May be OJT or grad of CODA dental asst. program</p>		<p style="color: green;">Place topical local anesthesia</p>	
<p><b>NDA/NDAA Proposal</b></p>	<p style="color: red;">CPR (highly recommended)</p>			<p>Current duties per state rules/regs</p> <p>Take dental xrays (course &amp; certificate required)</p> <p>Coronal polishing (course, certificate, and 1500 hrs experience required)</p>

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<p><b>Licensed Dental Assistant (LDA)</b></p> <p><b>NDHA Proposal</b></p>	<p>Grad of CODA dental asst. program or OJT (must have <b>3500 hrs chairside experience</b>)</p> <p>Current DANB certification or equivalent board approved examination <b>to include clinical competency and testing</b></p>	<p>Current duties per state rules/regs.</p> <p><b>Place dental sealants (course required)</b></p> <p>Fit and cement crowns on primary teeth (course required)</p> <p>Take final impressions/records for dental prosthesis (crowns, bridges, etc. course required)</p>	<p>Current duties per state rules/regs.</p>	
<p><b>PROPOSALS AGREE</b></p>	<p>19 y/o</p> <p>CPR</p> <p>Pass NE jurisprudence exam</p> <p>Become licensed with HHS and complete CE per UCA</p>			
<p><b>NDA/NDAA Proposal</b></p>	<p>Grad of CODA dental asst prg or OJT (must have <b>1500 hrs chairside experience</b>)</p> <p>Current DANB certification or <b>board approved examination covering listed duties</b></p>		<p>Current duties per state rules/regs</p> <p>Fit and cement crowns on primary teeth</p> <p><b>Administer nitrous oxide (would conflict with newly proposed anesthesia guidelines)</b></p> <p>Take final impressions/records (including digital) for dental prostheses (crowns, bridges, etc.)</p>	<p>Current duties per state rules/regs</p>

<p><b>Expanded Function Dental Assistant(EFDA)</b></p> <p><b>NDHA Proposal</b></p>	<p>At this time, the NDHA believes that it is prudent to first establish a scope of practice in statute for dental assistants to protect the public. After assistants become licensed for the above duties, the NDHA could support expanded function with the same curriculum that is being asked for an expanded function <b>dental hygienist</b>. NDHA wants to assure that the same quality of care that a dentist provides is of the same equivalent for the auxiliary that are providing the exact same procedure.</p>			
<p><b>NO AGREEMENT</b></p>				
<p><b>NDA/NDAA Proposal</b></p>	<p>19 y/o CPR</p> <p>Have 1500 hours as LDA</p> <p>Complete Board approved course such as DANB EFDA one</p> <p>Complete DANB EFDA exam or board approved exam (such as CRDTS or another state equivalent)</p> <p>Obtain EFDA license from HHS and complete CE per UCA</p>		<p>Current duties per state rules/regs</p> <p>All duties of LDA</p> <p>Place and finish dental restorations (fillings, crowns, etc.)</p>	<p>Current duties as per state rules/regs</p>

Abbreviations: OJT = on the job trained  
CPR= cardiopulmonary resuscitation

DANB= Dental Assisting National Board  
Board = NE Board of Dentistry

CE=Continuing Education  
CODA=Commission on Dental Accreditation

UCA = Uniform Credentialing Act