

Career Ladder **Dental Assistants & Hygienists**

Our dental assistants and hygienists work closely with dentists, assisting them during patient examinations and treatments. They also contribute to the dental lab and handle clerical duties related to the dental program. Begin your rewarding career in Dental Assisting as a Dental Assistant I. This entry-level position requires a high school diploma and provides on-the-job training. As you gain more experience and receive New Mexico state dental certifications, you'll have the opportunity to advance to other Dental Assistant positions within our organization.

Job Title

Qualifications

Dental Assistant I

- High School Diploma or equivalent

Dental Assistant II

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care Certification in Dental Radiography **OR**
- Passing score on the Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) Radiation Health and Safety exam

Dental Assistant II - Lead

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- One year experience as a PMS Dental Assistant II
- New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care Certification in Dental Radiography

Dental Assistant III

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care Certification in the following areas: Dental Radiography, Rubber Cup Coronal Polishing, Application of Topical Fluoride, and Pit and Fissure Sealant Application

Dental Assistant III - Lead

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Minimum one year experience as a PMS Dental Assistant III
- New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care Certification in the following areas: Dental Radiography, Rubber Cup Coronal Polishing, Application of Topical Fluoride, and Pit and Fissure Sealant Application



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Qualifications

Dental Assistant - EFDA

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care Certification in the following areas: Dental Radiography, Rubber Cup Coronal Polishing, Application of Topical Fluoride, and Pit and Fissure Sealant Application
- New Mexico Certification as an expanded function dental auxiliary (EFDA)

Dental Hygienist

- Associate or Bachelor's degree from a Dental Hygiene program
- Licensure as a Dental Hygienist in the State of New Mexico

Dental Educator

- Associate or Bachelor's degree from a Dental Hygiene program
- Five years' experience practicing as a Registered Dental Hygienist
- Licensure as a Dental Hygienist in the State of New Mexico
- New Mexico Certification for Local Anesthesia for Dental Hygienist