Dental assistants who hold DANB’s Certified Dental Assistant™ (CDA®) certification report higher earnings and other career benefits.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

- **$2** More per hour earned than non-certified assistants*
- 25% Expected increase in dental assisting jobs by 2022*
- **35K** CDA certificants nationwide
- **99%** Plan to renew their certification
- **98%** Would encourage others to earn certification
- **14** Average years in the dental assisting field
- **7+** Average years with the same employer
- **43%** Also hold a state credential


**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

- **76%** Paid Holidays
- **75%** Paid Vacation
- **59%** Pension Plans

**TOP DUTIES PERFORMED**

1. Infection control
2. Expanded functions
3. Laboratory functions
4. Ordering office materials

**TOP PAYING STATES**

- $25.00 Alaska, California
- $22.62 Vermont
- $22.50 Ohio
- $22.00 DC, New Hampshire
- $21.50 Maryland
- $21.00 Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey, New York
- $20.99 Connecticut
- $20.72 Massachusetts
- $20.62 Vermont
- $20.50 Delaware

*Figures are per hour

**HIGHEST EDUCATION LEVEL**

- High school 8%
- Some college 45%
- Associate's 33%
- Bachelor's 8%
- Graduate 5%

**PERSONAL BENEFITS**

1. Pride
2. Increased knowledge
3. Greater confidence
4. Stand out from the crowd
5. Elevation of the profession

These findings are based on a survey conducted by the DALE Foundation on behalf of DANB in Oct 2014. For the complete summary report, visit www.danb.org

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