



Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.
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Date: May 13, 2019
To: DANB Communities of Interest
From: Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB)
Re: Summary of major actions taken by DANB's Board of Directors at the Feb. 8-9, 2019, Winter Board Meeting

DANB Directors who attended the Winter 2019 Board meeting were Chair Michael Conte, D.M.D., M.P.H.; Vice Chair Denise Romero, CDA, COA, RDA, M.A.; Secretary-Treasurer Lois Bell, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, FADAA; Karen L. Comisi, CDA, RDA, FADAA; Sandra Garcia, CDA, RDA; Steven J. Holm, D.D.S.; Mary Macomber, J.D.; Meagan Morton, CDA; and Connie J. Reed, CDA, EFDA, B.S.

DANB's Executive Director Cindy Durley, M.Ed., MBA, serves ex officio on DANB's Board of Directors and the DALE Foundation's Board of Trustees. Cindy can be contacted at cdurley@danb.org.

DANB Exam Program Updates

The Board reviewed and approved the DANB Exam Programs Committee's recommendation to set pass points for the Orthodontic Assisting (OA) and Infection Control (ICE) exams effective 1/2/19. Exam pass points are typically reviewed every five to seven years as a step in the content validation process.

DANB Candidate Services Updates

Update to I.802.3 — Exam Committee Terms of Service

The Board reviewed and approved updates to include the time commitment requirement for all exam development committees. Committee members are expected to meet in person on the following schedule, at the discretion of the Executive Director.

The following Exam Committees will meet annually:

- General Chairside Assisting (GC)
- Radiation Health and Safety (RHS)
- Infection Control (ICE)
- Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control (CDIPC) (OSAP/DANB Certification Exam)

The following Exam Committee will meet biannually:

- Orthodontic Assisting (OA)
- Dental Industry Specialist in Infection Prevention and Control (DISIPC) (OSAP/DANB Certification Exam)

The following Exam Committees will meet annually, or more than once per year as required:

- Expanded Functions Dental Assisting (EFDA)

- Content Validation Study/Standard Setting Study (CVS/SSS)

Update to II.901.2b General Scoring Procedures: Initial Score Reports: Program Performance Reports

The Board approved policy changes to reflect the fact that DANB's new database management system allows schools to access Program Performance Reports (PPRs) through the program director's online DANB account. Additions in **bold**, deletions in strikethrough.

- **Any school or program with an active online DANB account with a Program Director tied to the account may access program performance reports (PPRs) through this account at any time and for any available date range (see next bullet).**
 - ~~DANB will issue student program performance reports (PPRs) to dental assisting programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) semiannually. Program directors will be issued their report mid July for exams scored 01/01—06/30 and mid January for exams scored 01/1—12/31 each year.~~
 - ~~DANB will issue PPRs to educational programs on record with DANB upon receiving a written request authorized by the dental assisting program director.~~
 - Five full calendar years (January through December) of domain data will be retained in the database management system. PPRs will only be **available** ~~issued~~ for exams taken within the previous five calendar years.
- ~~(Note to Committee: semiannual schedule is based on written feedback from CODA accredited dental assisting program directors.)~~

Update to II.901.2c — Regulatory Agency Reports

The Board approved updates to the policy to reflect that DANB's new database management system allows state regulatory bodies to access exam results through the regulatory body's online DANB account. Additions in **bold**, deletions in strikethrough.

Any Federal, national and state regulatory body with an active online DANB account, and an account manager from that body, may access DANB ~~will issue periodic reports of exam/certification candidates~~ **for which that body is eligible to access** ~~to federal, national and state regulatory agencies upon written agreement.~~

Update to II.305.0 — Incomplete Applications

Missing an applicant email address was added to the list of reasons an exam application is considered incomplete. An email address is now required so a candidate can receive all announcements regarding an exam application through DANB's new database management system, since this information is no longer sent by regular mail.

Update on DANB Collaborations

OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation Collaboration

DANB and the DALE Foundation are collaborating with the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) on a comprehensive infection control education and credentialing initiative, called the OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation *Dental Infection Prevention and Control Education and Credentialing Collaboration*TM.

The initiative will establish two education and two certification initiatives:

Dental Infection Prevention and Control Education

- 1) A 4-step OSAP-DALE Foundation *Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate Program*TM

(Steps 1 and 2 are currently available. Step 3 [OSAP-DALE Foundation Dental Infection Prevention and Control eHandbook] will be available in late May 2019. Step 4 [OSAP-DALE Foundation eHandbook Assessment] will be available in early fall 2019.)

- 2) A number of short OSAP-DALE Foundation online dental infection control Continuing Dental Education Articles™ (CDEA®) modules of 1 to 3 Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credits

Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certification Programs

- 1) OSAP-DANB *Dental Industry Specialist in Infection Prevention and Control*™ (DISIPC™) certification; this industry-focused certification will be available in 2020
- 2) OSAP-DANB *Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control*™ (CDIPC™) certification; this program with a clinical focus will be available in 2020

Outcomes from the OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation collaboration will advance the organizations' missions, all of which relate to enhancing patient and practitioner safety.

The organizations have launched a new website to provide information about the collaboration and its related programs: <https://dentalinfectioncontrol.org/>.

Collaboration with Temple University

DANB and the DALE Foundation are once again collaborating with Temple University's Kornberg School of Dentistry on its post-baccalaureate program for aspiring dental students. The program includes an innovative combination of dental assisting training and practice, as well as advanced translational science courses.

The program, now in its fifth year, is intended to provide students who are interested in studying dentistry an opportunity to advance their education and improve their admission application for dental school.

In addition to traditional classroom lecture and clinical hours, the program includes unique elements offered by DANB and the DALE Foundation. All students have access to the DALE Foundation's review courses and practice tests that are designed to help them prepare for DANB's Radiation Health and Safety (RHS); Infection Control (ICE); and Anatomy, Morphology and Physiology (AMP) exams — which make up the exam components of DANB's National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA) certification program, and to earn NELDA certification, if eligible.

Students must pass these three DANB exams to be permitted to assist dental students enrolled in Temple University's Kornberg School of Dentistry, in the clinic clusters. As in previous years, dental students continued to look forward to specifically asking for the post-baccalaureate students to assist them during their clinical coursework and also to assist them during clinical licensure board exams.

Following successful completion of the NELDA exams, post-baccalaureate students will work to complete the OSAP-DALE Foundation Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate Program™.

The Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry's Post-Baccalaureate Program begins at the end of May 2019 and continues through April 2020. After successfully completing the program, students who meet the published admission criteria and have applied through the formal admission process may be conditionally accepted to Temple University's Doctor of Dental Medicine program.

Based on the success of this collaboration, JoAnn Nyquist, Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry's Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Diversity and Director, Post-Baccalaureate Program, and DANB and DALE Foundation Executive Director Cindy Durley submitted a proposal to present a session on Collaborations and Partnerships, which was selected to be presented during ADEA's 2019 Annual Session held in Chicago March 16-19. The session was titled *Partnership Power: A World Beyond Pre-Dental and Dental Educational Experiences*.

Report from the DALE Foundation

The DALE Foundation, the official DANB affiliate, held its Winter Meeting Feb. 6, 2019.

Status of DALE Foundation Approval as a Recognized CE Provider

National Recognition

The DALE Foundation has received Recognized Provider status from the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP) and is an Approved Program Provider through the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD PACE).

The DALE Foundation's current term of ADA CERP recognition is May 2015 through June 2019. In January 2019, the DALE Foundation submitted its ADA CERP application to renew its recognition status. The DALE Foundation will receive the results of the ADA CERP application review in May 2019.

The DALE Foundation's current term of AGD PACE approval is August 2017 through August 2021.

State-Specific Recognition

California, Iowa and Maryland each require any CDE provider (no matter if the provider is ADA CERP or AGD PACE recognized) to meet state-specific requirements for CDE provider recognition. The DALE Foundation has been through the CDE provider approval process in these states, and so is an approved CE provider in California, Iowa and Maryland. In addition, the DALE Foundation is listed in Virginia regulations as a recognized sponsor for CDE to meet the continuing education requirements for renewal of a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene.

Specific DALE Foundation courses are also currently recognized by state boards of dentistry as meeting part of the requirements for dental assistants to qualify to perform duties in Kentucky, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon and Virginia.

In addition, DALE Foundation courses are recognized by any state that recognizes ADA CERP and/or AGD PACE CE providers or sponsors for state license CE requirements.

Upcoming DALE Foundation Board of Directors Meetings

The DALE Foundation Board of Trustees will hold its and its next annual meeting Aug. 8, 2019, and its next winter meeting Feb. 5, 2020. Additionally, the Board of Trustees will meet by conference call throughout the year, between its two scheduled in-person meetings.

Upcoming DANB Board of Directors Meetings

DANB's Board of Directors will hold its next annual meeting Aug. 9-10, 2019, and its next winter meeting Feb. 7-8, 2020. Additionally, DANB's Board of Directors will meet by conference call throughout the year, between its two scheduled in-person meetings.

The DANB and DALE Foundation Boards will also hold a joint meeting Feb. 6, 2020.

DANB and the DALE Foundation will begin strategic planning work in the summer of 2019.