Dental Assisting Professional Model

What is the Dental Assisting Professional Model?

Dentistry is experiencing challenges related to the workforce, including an insufficient number of qualified dental assistants and varying state requirements. The Dental Assisting Professional Model addresses these issues by proposing a framework that states can adopt across levels, descriptions, tasks, education, and credentials.

LEVEL 1
Entry-Level Dental Assistant

Essential chairside and basic intraoral functions

- **Infection Control**
- **Radiography**
- **Entry-Level Orthodontic Assistant**

LEVEL 2
Intermediate Dental Assistant

Intermediate intraoral and preventive functions

- **Nitrous Oxide Monitoring**

LEVEL 3
Restorative Expanded Functions Dental Assistant

Advanced intraoral, expanded and restorative functions

- **Advanced Orthodontic Assistant**

How to use the Dental Assisting Professional Model

The model is a framework that can be used by states and employers in many ways.

States



Use the model to ...

- Create a new EFDA level
- Update or modify existing levels
- Adjust the functions that are allowed in each level

Employers



Use the model to ...

- Create training guides for dental assistants
- Develop pathways for promotion for assistants in your practice or clinic

Want to endorse the model, learn more, or talk to a consultant about how the model can work for you? Contact us.