

Certification

Graduates of the Dental Assisting Program are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board to become Certified Dental Assistants.

DANB is the nationally-recognized certification and credentialing agency for dental assistants. When graduates become DANB-Certified, they join an elite group of over 30,000 Certified Assistants nationwide. The exam consists of three components: Infection and Hazard Control (ICE), Radiation Health and Safety (RHS), and General Chairside (GC). An examinee must pass each component to become a Certified Dental Assistant.

The Coastal Carolina Community College Dental Assisting Program strongly encourages all students to take the Dental Assisting National Board. The first component, ICE, is offered in December following the completion of DEN 111, Infection and Hazard Control. The second component, RHS, is taken in May at the conclusion of DEN 112, Dental Radiography. General Chairside, the third component, is taken at the end of the program after the student has successfully completed the capstone course, DEN 107, Clinical Practice II. The cost for the examination is \$150 each for ICE and RHS and \$175 for General Chairside.

DANB has contracted with a national computerized testing vendor, Pearson VUE, to administer DANB exams in a computerized format. This allows more flexibility in scheduling dates and times. Coastal students/graduates take the computerized examination in Wilmington, NC.

Coastal graduates consistently score above the national average on each component of the Dental Assisting National Board. The following statistics show Coastal graduates' scores in each component of the DANB.

Certification/Licensure Results:

Under the new scoring system, 400 is considered passing.

Infection Control						
	No. Tested	No. Passing	No. Failed	%Passing	Nat'l Avg.	CCCC Avg.
2010-11	20	20	0	100	578	643
2009-10	20	19	1	95	540	619
2008-09	23	23	0	100	511	615
2007-08	25	25	0	100	544	634
2006-07	21	21	0	100	532	664

Radiation Health & Safety						
	No. Tested	No. Passing	No. Failed	%Passing	Nat'l Avg.	CCCC Avg.
2010-11	19	19	0	100	500	509
2009-10	17	17	0	100	490	567
2008-09	19	19	0	100	454	588
2007-08	22	22	0	100	492	513

General Chairside						
	No. Tested	No. Passing	No. Failed	% Passing	Nat'l Avg.	CCCC Avg.
2010-11	15	15	0	100	469	496
2009-10	17	17	0	100	462	474
2008-09	13	12	1	92	454	480
2007-08	21	20	1	95	459	465
2006-07	17	17	0	100	467	486

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