

MWU CDMA EFDA CE Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. How is the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc (DANB) involved with the Arizona Board of Examiners?

Under agreement with the Arizona State Board of Dental examiners (ASBDE), the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) administers the Arizona Expanded Functions-Restorative certificate program. DANB is responsible for collecting and verifying all the documents, administering required exams (Anatomy, Morphology and Physiology (AMP), Temporaries (TMP) and Restorative Functions (RF) exams) prior to issuing the certificate.

2. I'm a registered hygienist. Do I have to enroll in an EFDA Program in order to complete the Arizona Restorative Examination and become EFDA Certified?

Yes, successful completion of the ASBDE approved EFDA training course is one of the Arizona State AZRF (Restorative Exam) certificate qualification requirements:

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<https://www.danb.org/Meet-State-Requirements/State-Specific-Information/Arizona.aspx>

3. I'm a registered dental hygienist; will a copy of my dental hygiene license suffice as proof for MWU? Yes

4. I'm a dental assistant; how do I prove that I have worked as a dental assistant for the last two years? Using letterhead from the office(s) that you have worked, indicate the time-frame for your employment and have the owner of the office or institution sign the letter before you send it in.

Once you have completed our Program you will be filling out the Arizona Expanded Functions application and will need to use the form on page 13 to prove your work experience.

5. I am not a Certified Dental Assistant. Can I still apply for your EFDA program?

Yes! As long as you have at least 2 years chairside assisting experience in the last 4 years.

6. What is included in my tuition? Each participant will have their own workstation, instruments, materials, typodont, overhead lamp, and life-like simulator to learn skills necessary in the restoration of teeth. You will also be given a 3-ring binder to keep handouts, homework and other information relevant to obtaining your EFDA certification.

7. Which tasks will I be able to perform as an EFDA in the state of AZ?

Per Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners Expanded Function Dental Assistants Statute 32-1291.01

A. A dental assistant may perform expanded functions on successful completion of a Board-approved expanded function dental assistant training program completed at an institution accredited by the commission on dental accreditation of the American Dental Association and on successful completion of an examination in dental assistant expanded functions that is approved by the Board.

B. Expanded functions include the placement, contouring and finishing of direct restorations or the placement and cementation of prefabricated crowns following the

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preparation of the tooth by a license dentist. The restorative materials used shall be determined by the dentist.

- C. An expanded function dental assistant may place interim therapeutic restorations under the general supervision and direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through teledentistry.
- D. An expanded function dental assistant may apply sealants and fluoride varnish under the general supervision and direction of a licensed dentist.
- E. A licensed dental hygienist may engage in expanded functions pursuant to section 32-1281, subsection B, paragraph 12 following a course of study and examination equivalent to that required for an expanded function dental assistant as specified by the Board.

8. Are there any additional requirements to becoming an EFDA in Arizona besides completing your program?

Yes. You will need to complete the Arizona Expanded Functions-Restorative Exam application (available by going to the DNAB website, www.danb.org/Meet-State-Requirements.aspx, and selecting the state of Arizona). It is recommended that you begin this process early April since it will take time for DNAB to process your application.

9. Do I have to come to all of the classes? EFDA Participants must attend all classes scheduled. Class is in session from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If the participant misses a class, they will be expected to master all the material that would have been taught on the course date. Since this would be challenging it is best to clear those dates of all personal events so that you can get the most out of the program and be prepared for the DNAB examinations.

10. Are there any other resources that might be helpful?

Yes, they are listed below:

Additional Resources

Dental Assisting National Board

<https://www.danb.org/Meet-State-Requirements/State-Specific-Information/Arizona.aspx>

DANB Blue print links (study guides)

<https://www.danb.org/Become-Certified/Prepare-for-DANB-Exams/Exam-Blueprints.aspx>

Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (information on the revised statutes and information regarding testing, certification, and Arizona Dental Board requirements)

<https://dentalboard.az.gov/dental-assistant-efda-certification>