



Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA)

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Certifying Organization	Louisiana State Board of Dentistry					
Description of Credential IBC# 426	Authorized Dental Assisting Duties See Section 502					
Part of which Graduation Pathways ¹	<u>Statewide:</u> Dental <u>Integrated:</u> Health Sciences – Patient Care and Management					
Associated with Which Careers?	<u>5 Star:</u> Medical and Health Services Managers <u>4 Star:</u> Dental Hygienists <u>3 Star:</u> Dental Assistants, Medical Secretaries, social and Human Service Assistants					
Entry-Level Annual Salaries	\$17,662 - \$54,066					
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students						
Standard / Curriculum	Authorized Dental Assisting Duties See Section 503 Approved Louisiana Providers for EDDA: - LSU School of Dentistry - University of Louisiana Monroe School of Dental Hygiene - Southern University at Shreveport According to the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) application for EDDA, EDDA certification requires six months of full-time experience as a dental assistant before application for EDDA certification will be accepted. This work requirement is being waived if students have completed a semester of clinical practice associated with an approved high school Dental Assistant Program.					
Testing Methodology	Paper?	YES Written exam	Online?	YES	Performance Exams / Tests?	YES Clinicals and labs
Re-Testing (if available)	Retesting Procedures	Procedures determined by each School of Dentistry		Max Attempts	Attempts determined by each School of Dentistry	
Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations)	Authorized Dental Assisting Duties See Section 503 According to the WIC application for EDDA, after completion of curriculum, testing, and clinical practice associated with the secondary dental assistant program, students may schedule the EDDA instruction and testing. EDDA testing shall include 30 hours of instruction.					
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers <i>Bulletin 746, Chapter 5: All Louisiana teachers providing instruction in a course that leads to an IBC must hold the certification that they're teaching students to attain.</i>						
Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)	Teachers must obtain the Expanded Duty Dental Assistance Credential in order to teach students. Expanded duty dental assistants shall be charged an initial certification confirmation fee. A certificate reconfirmation fee shall be renewed no more than once in every three calendar years. Said fees shall be determined according to rules in Chapter 5 of Authorized Dental Assisting Duties . All expanded duty dental assistants are required to display their certificate confirmations in a conspicuous place to be seen by all patients seen by the expanded duty dental assistant.					
Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	Proctoring Measures determined by each School of Dentistry					

Certification Tracking				
Credentialing Documentation	<p>Read directions carefully. The board will issue a certificate confirmation for expanded duty dental assistants ONLY after he or she has submitted the following: EDDA certificate confirmation application, proof of completion of an approved EDDA course and an approved radiology course, current CPR card, and \$100 application fee.</p> <p>Picture of EDDA Certificate</p>			
Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	Not online, but database is kept at Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.	Details	The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry keeps a list of all EDDA certificate holders. Call 225.219.7330 to verify.
Other Details	Expiration Timeframe?	<p>Expanded Duty Dental Assistant Certification (includes 30 hours of instruction and cognitive objectives deemed essential by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. EDDA certification requires six months of full-time experience as a dental assistant before application for EDDA certification will be accepted. This work requirement is being waived if students have completed a semester of clinical practice associated with an approved high school Dental Assistant Program.</p> <p><u>Frequently Asked Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Does the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry regulate or certify dental assistants?</i> NO. The board does not regulate dental assistants. The board provides a certificate confirmation for expanded duty dental assistants only after they have submitted proof of completion of a board approved EDDA course, board approved radiology course, a copy of the acceptable current CPR card, the EDDA certificate confirmation application, and the \$100 application fee. EDDAs may not perform expanded duties in the dental office until they receive their certificate confirmation from the board office. The EDDA application may be found on the "Forms" page of the board's website at www.lsbdb.org. <i>I have hired a registered/certified dental assistant. Isn't that the same thing as an EDDA? So can I just allow my new employee to perform the expanded duties?</i> NO. The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry does not recognize the registered or certified dental assistant as equivalent to the EDDA. Dental assistants may not perform expanded duties in the dental office until they receive a certificate confirmation from the board office after meeting the board requirements. 		

Certification Costs / Funding Sources						
Cost Details	EDDA certification confirmation: \$100 EDDA instruction: approximately \$600 Taken from Chapter 5 of Louisiana State Board of Dentistry: \$505. Expanded Duty Dental Assistant Certificate Confirmation Fee and Reconfirmations A. Expanded duty dental assistants shall be charged an initial certification confirmation fee. A certificate reconfirmation fee shall be renewed no more than once in every three calendar years. Said fees shall be determined according to Chapter 4 of these rules. B. All expanded duty dental assistants are required to display their certificate confirmations in a conspicuous place to be seen by all patients seen by the expanded duty dental assistant.					
Re-test / Refund Policies	Policies determined by each school of Dentistry.					
Funding Sources ²	CDF?	Yes	Perkins?	Yes	Alternative Source (other than General Funds)	
For More Information						
Certifying Agency Contact Info	Louisiana State Board of Dentistry 1201 North Third Street, Suite G-136k Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Mailing address: P.O. Box 5256, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-5256 (225) 219-7330					
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Jump Start Regional Team Experts	TBD					

1 – This table may not include all the graduation pathways this credential appears in. Please check the [graduation pathway](#) you are working with if you have a question as to whether or not this credential is part of that pathway.

2 – CDF = [Career Development Fund](#)