

1 21 NCAC 16H .0104 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 16H .0104 APPROVED EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS**

4 (a) To be classified as a Dental Assistant II, an assistant shall have and maintain an unexpired CPR certification and
5 also shall ~~meet one of the following criteria:~~ complete:

6 (1) ~~completion of:~~ a dental assisting program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation
7 ("CODA"), a list of which is available at no cost at coda.ada.org/find-a-program/search-dental-
8 programs and is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions;

9 (A) ~~an ADA accredited dental assisting program; or~~

10 (B) ~~one academic year or longer in an ADA accredited dental hygiene program;~~

11 (2) one complete school year or longer in a CODA-accredited dental hygiene program;

12 (3) a dental assistant program offered through a branch of the U.S. armed forces at the Medical
13 Education & Training Campus that includes a clinical rotation providing dental assisting for live
14 patients;

15 (2)(4) ~~completion of the Certified Dental Assistant certification examination(s) examinations administered~~
16 ~~by the Dental Assisting National Board; Board ("DANB") with a passing score as set by DANB; or~~

17 (3)(5) ~~completion of: the following:~~

18 (A) employment as a Dental Assistant I for two years of the preceding five, consisting of at
19 least 3,000 hours total; and

20 (B) a 3-hour course in sterilization and infection control; and control, and a 3-hour course in
21 dental office emergencies. The courses shall be offered by Board-approved course sponsors
22 as set out in 21 NCAC 16I .0202.

23 (C) ~~a 3-hour course in dental office emergencies.~~

24 (b) A Dental Assistant I who has completed the requirements of ~~Parts (a)(3)(B) (C) Part (a)(5)(B)~~ of this Rule but not
25 completed the ~~training-employment hours required~~ pursuant to Part ~~(a)(3)(A) (a)(5)(A)~~ may be trained by a licensed
26 dentist and allowed to perform the functions of a Dental Assistant II, as specified in Rule .0203 of this Subchapter,
27 under the direct control and supervision of a licensed ~~dentist. dentist, except that a Dental Assistant I performing the~~
28 ~~functions of a Dental Assistant II pursuant to this Paragraph shall not perform the coronal polishing function set out~~
29 ~~in Rule .0203(a)(21) of this Subchapter.~~

30 (c) For purposes of this Rule, an unexpired CPR certification is one that is in effect and valid at the time of
31 classification as a Dental Assistant II and remains so at all times while employed as a Dental Assistant II or while
32 performing any of the permitted functions under Rule .0203 of this Subchapter.

33 (d) A ~~Dental Assistant~~ dental assistant shall not take radiographs before completing radiology training consistent with
34 G.S. 90-29(c)(12).

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