



REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT COURSE AND EXAM



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Onsite Registered Dental Assistant Exam Course Offerings

February 10-11, 2011	Thursday & Friday	NLIB 1129 (Heritage Hall)	8-5	\$150
March 25-26, 2011	Friday Saturday	NTAB 2203C (College Hall) NSTU 1615A (Center Corner)	8-5 8-5	\$150
June 7-8, 2011	Tuesday & Wednesday	NSTU 1615A (Center Corner)	8-5	\$150

Online Registered Dental Assistant Exam Course Offerings

April 4-8, 2011	M-F	\$150
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Online Registered Dental Assistant Retest Exam Offerings

April 8, 2011	F	12-2	\$30
June 30, 2011	TH	12-2	\$30

This course is designed to prepare Dental Assistants to obtain the credential of Registered Dental Assistant as mandated by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE). A comprehensive review on the general guidelines and industry standards for radiology, infection control, and jurisprudence will be presented. Included in the course is a TSBDE approved exam that will be administered by a TCC approved proctor. For more information regarding registration contact Continuing Education at 817-515-6417.

Tarrant County College Dental Program

Registered Dental Assisting Exam

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a RDA stand and how do I get registered to expose dental x-rays?

RDA stands for Registered Dental Assistant and registration is obtained by completing a RDA course and exam approved by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE).

2. Who should take the course and exam?

Dental Assistants who are not currently registered with the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners should take the course and exam. Dental Assistants **NOT** registered by **WILL NOT** be allowed to expose radiographs until mandated radiation certificate is obtained. New hires or dental assistants coming in from other states have one year from date of hire to become registered. RDA credentials from another state are not accepted by the TSBDE. For more information, please review the TSBDE website at www.tsbde.state.tx.us and specifically Rule 114.

3. What is included in the course?

This course is a comprehensive review of Radiology, Infection Control and Jurisprudence.

4. What materials do I need?

A PDF copy of the study guide will be electronically sent to each student taking an onsite course via their TCC Campus Cruiser email account (***type www.tccd.edu into your web browser to access TCCD homepage and select Campus Cruiser at the bottom of the page***) on the Monday prior to the Friday start date of the course. A hard copy of the study guide will also be available on the first day of the course. Bring two (2) highlighters, pen, notebook paper, and light jacket for temperature comfort. Contact the CE Office at 817-515-6417 for more information.

5. When do I take the exam?

You will be administered a comprehensive exam (50 multiple choice questions on all three topics) upon completion of the course and allowed one (1) hour to complete the exam.

6. Do I need anything else?

You need picture identification when you take the exam.

7. What is a passing score?

A passing score is 70% or better.

8. How do I get my results?

Results will be mailed out to the address provided on the registration form.

9. When do I get my results?

Results will be mailed out within 30 days after your exam date. Please contact Julie Dennis at 817-515-6417 or julie.dennis@tccd.edu with questions or if exam results are not received within 30 days.

10. Can I call to get my results over the phone?

No. You only get results by mail and exam grades **will not** be released to anyone other than the registered student.

11. How do I register with the TSBDE after I have received notification that I have successfully passed the exam?

Go to the TSBDE website www.tsbde.state.tx.us and download/complete the Dental Assistant Registration/Radiation Certificate Application.

12. What if I fail on my first attempt?

You are allowed to retake the exam two (2) times at a designated fee (\$30) per retest. Retesting is available in both onsite and online formats. Contact Julie Dennis at 817-515-6417 or julie.dennis@tccd.edu to register.

13. What if I fail all 3 attempts?

You must repeat the **ENTIRE** Registered Dental Assistant course and exam process at a designated fee.

14. What if I think my exam was scored incorrectly?

All requests to rescore an exam must be made in writing.

15. Where do I submit my request to rescore my exam?

Submit a written request attn: Julie Dennis at the following address:

Tarrant County College
Continuing Education Services
828 W. Harwood Rd.
Hurst TX 76054

Accessing Online RDA Exam Retest

For those students enrolling in the RDA Retest Exam online via Tarrant County College Campus Cruiser please follow these instructions:

1. Type www.tccd.edu into your browser's address bar.
2. Once on the TCCD homepage you can access **CAMPUS CRUISER** by clicking on Northeast Campus, Current Students or Continuing Education.
3. Once that page has opened, select **CAMPUS CRUISER** located under **STUDENT LINKS** on the left side of the page.
4. On the Campus Cruiser home page, click on **LOG IN** located on the upper left top part of the page.
5. Log In: **LOG IN ID** is the firstname.lastname (**example: jane.smith**) in lower case.
6. Password is the last 6 digits of your social security number unless you voluntarily change it. **IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTLY LOGGING IN, THERE ARE SOME HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS LISTED ON THE CAMPUS CRUISER HOMEPAGE.**
7. Once you have successfully logged in, the page will open to display your retest class located under **MY CLASSES** and can select **DENX-2000 RDA Exam**.
8. Under **STUDENT TOOLS** located on the left side of the page, select **MY ASSESSMENTS** and click on RDA Exam.
9. **NOTE: YOU ONLY HAVE ONE ATTEMPT FOR 60 MINUTES TO ACCESS THE EXAM AND NOT PERMITTED TO LOGIN AND LOGOUT IN THAT TIME PERIOD. ONCE YOU HAVE LOGGED OUT, ACCESS TO THE EXAM IS TERMINATED AND THE EXAM IS GRADED ACCORDING TO THE QUESTIONS ANSWERED. FOR ANY REASONS OTHER THAN A TCC SYSTEM FAILURE, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO RETAKE THE RETEST EXAM AT AN ADDITIONAL FEE. EXAM MUST BE COMPLETED BY 2:00 PM.**
10. **Please make sure you can login at least one business day prior to the day of the exam.** If you have any problems, contact Julie Dennis at 817-515-6417 or julie.dennis@tccd.edu

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