




Dental Assistant

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Certifying Organization ¹	Louisiana State Board of Dentistry National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) The Dental Assisting industry-based credential is included in NOCTI's Job Ready assessment battery. Job Ready assessments measure technical skills at the occupational level and include items which gauge factual and theoretical knowledge.					
Description of Credential	According to the Louisiana Legislature, the only authorized duties for Dental Assistants are the following and must be performed under the direct on-premises supervision of the dentist who employs her or him as directly ordered by the dentist; Authorized Dental Assisting Duties					
Part of which Graduation Pathways ²	<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	Areas covered on the Dental Assistant exam are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Dental Assisting Profession = 8% • Communication Skills = 6% • Infection Control and Hazard management = 12% • Clinical Procedures = 39% • Radiological and digital Imaging Procedures = 16% • Clerical Functions = 8% • Dental Sciences = 11% For complete information of the Specific Standards and Competencies Included in the Dental Assistant assessment, click here and scroll down to pages 3 – 7. Sample questions and sample performance assessments can be found on pages 8 – 13.					
Testing Methodology	Paper?	Yes. Assessment can be delivered in an online or paper/pencil format.	Online?	Yes. Assessment can be delivered in an online or paper/pencil format.	Performance Exams / Tests?	Yes
Re-Testing (if available)	Retesting Procedures	Minimum of 60 days between tests. The cost of the retest is the same as the original test.		Max Attempts	There are no maximum attempts.	
Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations)	The Dental Assistant assessment, developed by NOCTI, consists of both a written assessment and a performance assessment. The NOCTI written assessments consist of questions to measure an individual's factual theoretical knowledge. The assessment may be administered in one, two, or three sessions. Time allowed is three (3) hours. There are 206 questions. Test Code: 4126.					

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 attain the Dental Assistant credential in order to teach these classes.				
Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	NOCTI Security Policy and Testing Agreement				
Certification Tracking					
Credentialing Documentation	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Sample of a NOCTI Certification:</p> </div>				
Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	NOCTI uses a "SkillBadge Locker" to award badges on tests with 70% passage rate or higher.		Details	If scoring lower than 70%, it is the student's responsibility to keep track of scores provided by the Teacher. Paper/pencil assessment will still have a SkillBadge Locker, but will not show up as quickly as online assessments. If multiple assessments are taken, all badges go to the same locker as long as the student uses the same participant ID when they test.
Other Details	Expiration Timeframe?	The NOCTI Certificates do not expire. However, once employed, it is the employer's discretion to require more professional development.			
Certification Costs / Funding Sources					
Cost Details	Pricing for Job Ready Assessments by NOCTI				
Re-test / Refund Policies	There is a minimum of 60 days between tests. For online test purchases, there is no refund. For paper/pencil tests in which the seal is not broken, tests may be returned.				
Funding Sources ³	CDF?	Yes	Perkins?	Yes	Alternative Source (other than General Funds)
For More Information					
Certifying Agency Contact Info	NOCTI 231.796.4890 800.334.6283 http://www.nocti.org/ nocti@nocti.org				
LDE Contact	JumpStart@la.gov				
Jump Start Regional Team Experts	TBD				

1 - This fact sheet is accurate according to date posted. Always check with certifying agency listed for later updates.

2 - 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.

3 - CDF = [Career Development Fund](#)