

313.345 Administrative regulations on practices that may be performed by dental assistant -- Courses of study -- Supervision by dentist -- Certificate -- Dental assistant services.

- (1) The board shall promulgate administrative regulations to define certification requirements, duties, training, and standards of practice that may be performed by a dental assistant who has a minimum of one (1) year of dental office experience and has successfully passed the dental assisting course at an institution of dental education accredited by the Council on Dental Accreditation.
- (2) The board shall approve the instructor and the courses of study for approving duties, training, and standards of practice that may be performed by a dental assistant and shall authorize the course instructor to issue certificates, under the board's direction, to those who successfully complete the requirements.
- (3) A dental assistant shall practice under the supervision, order, control, and full responsibility of a dentist licensed under this chapter.
- (4) The certificate for each dental assistant shall be continuously displayed in a conspicuous place in the office of the licensee.
- (5) Supervising dentists shall only assign to dental assistants procedures that do not require the professional competence of a licensed dentist or a licensed dental hygienist.
- (6) Dental assistant services may include coronal polishing, a cosmetic procedure that is not essential to therapeutic oral prophylaxis, if the following criteria are observed:
 - (a) Polishing activities are limited to the use of a rubber cap attached to a slow-speed rotary dental handpiece;
 - (b) The assistant has received a certificate from the board's approved instructor that ensures the assistant has successfully completed a dental assisting course developed by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry and a committee of dental educators from the Kentucky institutions of dental education accredited by the Council on Dental Accreditation; and
 - (c) The dental assisting course shall include basic dental assisting and coronal polishing instruction that includes didactic, preclinical, clinical training and competency testing.
- (7) Dental assistant services shall not include the following:
 - (a) The practice of dental hygiene or the performance of the duties of a licensed dental hygienist that require the use of any instrumentation which may elicit the removal of calcareous deposits or accretions on the crowns and roots of teeth;
 - (b) Diagnosis;
 - (c) Treatment planning and prescription, including prescriptions for drugs or medicaments, or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances;

- (d) Surgical procedures on hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity, or any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irreversible alteration of the oral anatomy; and
- (e) The making of final impressions from which casts are made to construct any dental restoration.

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