



July 2018 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the July 2018 Capital RDA newsletter. We've got some good information to share so we'll get right to it. Here's a preview of what you're going to find:

- More on RDA Changes
- Free CPR Certification & Renewal
- Free CE Courses
- Employment Tip
- Pro Tip of the Month
- Upcoming Training

More on RDA Changes

Last month we told you about recent changes to Rule 114.2 by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) that affects Registered Dental Assistants. Here is some more information.

The Dental Assistant Renewal Application now states that TSBDE will begin enforcing Rule 114.2 on **September 1, 2018**. Notable changes that are being enforced are the staggering of License/Registration renewal.

registrant's birth month, but will be no less than 18 months. After the second time you renew, your registration certificate will be valid for 2 years and instead of renewing annually it will be biennial."

You can also carry up to 6 hours Continuing Education forward from the year preceding the current renewal period.

Free CPR Certification & Renewal

Capital RDA is now providing free hands-on Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes for all past and current students of Capital RDA.

Note: Remember the board requires **hands-on** certification. Online certifications are **not** allowed.



Free Continuing Education

Registered Dental Assistants must obtain **6 Continuing Education (CE) hours** each year or **12 CE hours if you hold 2 or more certifications**. That means if you are an RDA and you have the Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Certification, you will need 12 CE hours.

CE courses can be taken online or in person. The good news is that there are a lot of opportunities for **free online training** available.

Here's one opportunity. Click the Viva Learning button below. You will have to register if you don't have an account, or login if you do. Search for **Radiation Safety with the Pediatric and Adolescent Patient**. It's a free 1-hour CE and has a lot of good information about radiology exposure

Employment Tip - LinkedIn

Do you have a LinkedIn account. More and more employers are researching potential employees online. A LinkedIn account can help employers learn about you and your skill sets, beyond the resume and application.

Unlike Facebook, LinkedIn connections should be professional, not personal. This includes co-workers, supervisors, managers, teachers, and so on. Leave the meetups and gatherings to other forms of social media.

Opinions vary on whether your resume should go back 5, 7 or 10 years. On LinkedIn, you should list your work history as far back as possible.

But Rome wasn't built in a day. Don't procrastinate because you don't have all the details. Get a LinkedIn account set up and begin working on it.

Pro Tip of the Month

Leaded x-ray aprons used to shield patients from radiation exposure should be hung, not folded. Folding can crack or break the lead, causing additional, unnecessary exposure to the radiation from the x-ray.

Upcoming Training

The next **Technical Registered Dental Assistant class** will begin October 7, 2018, running through November 11, 2018. The location will be at Aloft, 14020 US-183, Austin, TX 78717, near Lakeline Mall.

Currently, the class is full but call or text us at 512-956-0428 to be added to a waiting list. You can also email us at admin@capitalrda.com.

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Training

Referral Bonus

Capital RDA offers a **referral bonus** for dental assistant students. If you send a student our way, be sure they give you credit for the referral!



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