

CAPITAL RDA

DENTAL ASSISTING TRAINING

June 2018 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to this month's 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:

- New Rule affecting RDAs
- Free BLS CPR Certification & Renewal
- Free CE Courses
- Employment Tip
- Pro Tip of the Month
- Upcoming Training

Did you know?

Rule 114.2 of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) has changed and there are some **new rules** for Registered Dental Assistants. Here are the highlights:

- The RDA license is going to a **two-year** cycle instead of an annual renewal.
- RDAs can now carry forward up to **6 hours** of Continuing Education (CE) from the previous year.
- RDA Applicants will now be required to submit **fingerprints**.
- RDA Applicants must submit proof of a **high school diploma** or General Equivalency Diploma (**GED**).

Recent Changes

Free CPR Certification & Renewal

Beginning July 9, 2018, Capital RDA will be 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 for **each certification held**. That means if you are an RDA and you have the Nitrous Oxide (N₂O) 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 Dentalcare.com button below. You will have to register if you don't have an account, or login if you do. Look for **Course 500 - An Overview of Dental Anatomy**. It's a free 1-hour CE and is a good refresher.

[Dentalcare.com](https://www.dentalcare.com)

Note: Dentalcare.com has over **150 free CE courses** available. It's a great

Employment Tip

When's the last time you've updated your resume? You should review and refresh your resume **every 6 months**, or when you have a significant change in your professional responsibilities. Perhaps you changed jobs, or took on new responsibilities in your current role. Either way, dig out that resume and get it up to date.

Pro Tip of the Month

The tip this month will help with those patients who have a hard time taking X-Rays. Try to distract the patient. Have them lift their right leg and **point their toe** left or right. Make sure they concentrate on their foot and not on their mouth. It should be just enough for you to get in and get those hard-to-reach shots.



Upcoming Training

The next **Registered Dental Assistant class** we have coming up will be mid-October running through November. We don't have exact dates yet, but you can always check on our website.

Training

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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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