



The Foundation for Allied Dental Education
The **FADE** Institute

DA-to-Licensure Program

Not all clinical chairside assistants begin their dental career via formal education – many enter into the profession learning basic, elementary, supportive assisting tasks from those working in the dental office. In time, unlicensed assistants need to accomplish licensure in order to perform key clinical procedures fundamentally important to the dental team.

Focused on the working dental assistant, our DA-to-Licensure program is designed to allow for unlicensed assistants to:

- Obtain the education necessary to qualify for the RDA examination process
- Learn the theoretical content and obtain simulated laboratory competency for the skills allowed in both DA and RDA categories
- Provide the support necessary to obtain licensure

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2018 - 2019 Program Schedule**





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Founded in 2011, the Foundation was established to support and advance the allied dental profession through education and professional development. Since then, community demand for more effective, quality educational opportunities led us to create a state-of-the-art facility and develop a Registered Dental Assisting program.

Our new DA-to-Licensure program is geared toward those already working as an unlicensed dental assistant and working toward challenging the state board examinations for licensure. As an alternative to the “work-experience” pathway, the “blended model” allows for hours spent in a formal education program to count toward the requirement of 15-months work experience and 1280 hours of clinical assisting.

The FADE Institute DA-to-Licensure program offers an affordable pathway to accomplishing the following:

- Completion of education relevant to the clinical procedures and functions of a chairside assistant and preparation for RDA-specific functions including certification for Infection Control, Dental Assisting Jurisprudence, HIPAA, Coronal Polish and Radiation Safety
- Using the combined experience of the workplace coupled with education in clinical theory, laboratory and simulated laboratory to qualify for the state board licensing examination(s) in a timelier manner
- Achieving licensure as a condition of program completion assures a more successful candidate and a more clinically competent chairside team member

The FADE Institute is proud to make this exceptional program available to those who expect more from their learning experience. We are committed to providing our students access to the best instructors, the latest technologies, and the highest quality learning opportunities in a dedicated facility built specifically for the educational needs of the allied dental healthcare team.

E-mail us with any questions or contact us to set-up an appointment to discuss how you might benefit.
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COMMONLY ASKED Questions

1. What makes The FADE Institute's DA-to-Licensure program special?

The Foundation for Allied Dental Education (FADE) is a non-profit public-service entity with a mission to assist allied dental professionals and students to meet their educational goals. That endeavor allows for the Institute to offer programs and courses at a reasonable tuition rate while insisting upon higher standards of excellence from our students and ourselves. We are all educators who bring decades of teaching experience to the learning environment without compromise.

2. How long is the DA-to-Licensure program?

This program totals 10 months and 520 hours of combined class, laboratory, clinical and homestudy work. Hours spent in a formal education program recognized by the Board shall count, hour for hour, toward the required 1280 hours needed to challenge the state board examination(s). The program meets two (2) weekends per month, Saturday and Sunday, for seven hours each day; all additional work is completed as homework or clinical assignment.

3. What are the entry requirements for the program?

Prospective students are encouraged to meet with our faculty to ensure this very progressive program is well-suited for them. At minimum, students shall be required to meet the following:

- Be at least 17 years of age and possess a driver's license
- High school diploma or GED
- Must obtain current status on MMR and HepB vaccinations and TB testing
- Must be currently employed by a dental office and have completed at least four (4) months work experience in the dental office as an unlicensed dental assistant;
 - If unemployed at present but can show proof of recent experience as a dental assistant (within the past six months), verifiable proof of prior work experience may be allowed
 - If experienced as a foreign trained dentist or dental healthcare provider from another state, evidence of prior experience will be considered and may be allowed
- Completion of an application to the Institute and submission of a \$1,500 deposit to reserve a seat in the next program*

4. What are the fees for the DA-to-Licensure program?

The total program tuition, which does not include travel to the Institute, meals, uniforms or miscellaneous supplies is \$8,900. Tuition includes all instructional materials including books, all coursework, dental supplies, lab fees and student malpractice and liability insurance for the first year while enrolled. Application and examination fees for the RDA licensure examination, including fingerprinting, will be the responsibility of the student at the time of application to the Board.

** deposits are non-refundable unless the application for enrollment is not accepted*



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