



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

## RDA Educational Program

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Dental professionals have, for some time, expressed concern that it is growing more difficult to locate clinical chairside talent who possess the needed skills, experience, educational qualifications and credentials to be successful. Because a high-quality workforce is the most important determinant of dental practice success, the challenges related to confident and competent staff have a direct impact on the practice's production and ability to service the dental healthcare needs of our community.

Recognizing all these factors, the FADE Institute Registered Dental Assisting Program has emerged as a uniquely different program. Our students/graduates are committed, focused and extremely well prepared to enter into the clinical rotation of any dental practice.

**Contact Our Office for the  
2018 - 2019 Program Schedule**





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, to name a few.

Our new RDA program will not only meet all Dental Board standards but defeat them by ensuring no student graduates without having taken and passed their RDA.

The FADE Institute RDA program offers those interested in a career in dental healthcare an affordable opportunity to complete the education necessary to obtain a license. How does our program differ?

1. Students must pass their state licensing Boards for the RDA as a condition of formal graduation from our program - we are an RDA program that actually produces RDAs
2. Students will complete all the educational requirements for the Orthodontic Assistant Permit program and will be eligible to sit for the OAP State Board examination upon successful completion of the RDA; only a handful of RDA programs in the State have incorporated this special permit program into their curriculum
3. Typical Board-approved RDA programs focus on minimum standards as required by the Board; our institutional expectation is that "minimal competency" is no longer acceptable and students must excel to "clinical competence" prior to graduation.

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.**

# COMMONLY ASKED Questions

## *1. What makes The FADE Institute's RDA 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 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 FADE Institute RDA program?*

Our program totals 1610 hours of instruction, laboratory, simulated laboratory, and clinical rotation hours along with research projects and community service hours. The Institute operates as any other community college; however, our programs are built on a quarter-system not a semester system. The RDA program schedule requires students to attend three classes each quarter for 10 quarters. Most students are able to work part-time jobs while enrolled in our program. We only enroll students into the RDA program once per year.

## *3. Can I take any of the course work online instead of attending classes?*

The Dental Board's educational regulations require that instruction be provided under the direct supervision of the faculty in the learning facility; however, online assignments and other research projects can be completed using online tools.

## *4. 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 18 years of age
- Must possess a high-school diploma (GED not acceptable)
- Must possess a current driver's license
- Must be able to pass both a medical/dental evaluation prior to the start of program
- Must show proof of having completed the HepB vaccine series
- Completion of an application to the Institute and submission of a \$1,500 deposit \* (\* deposits are non-refundable unless the application for enrollment is not accepted)

## *5. What are the fees for the RDA program?*

The total program tuition, which does not include travel to the Institute, meals, uniforms or miscellaneous supplies is \$13,385. Tuition includes all instructional materials including books, all coursework, dental supplies, lab fees, and student malpractice and liability insurance while enrolled.



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