

WILLAMETTE VALLEY DENTAL ASSISTING SCHOOL (WVDAS)

FAQ's About the Radiologic Proficiency and Radiation Health Services Exams

How long is the program?

The WVDAS Radiologic Proficiency Exam Training takes three consecutive weeks.

How often do students attend classes?

Once a week (usually Saturdays) for three consecutive weeks, from 8AM to 5PM.

After completing the course, can I take dental X-rays in Oregon?

No, you must first register to take and then pass the state-mandated "Radiologic Proficiency Exam" and the RHS (Radiation Health Services) Exam administered by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB).

What are these exams?

These exams qualify dental assistants and others to legally take patient X-rays in dental offices within the state. There are two separate steps: the practical part consists of taking a full mouth set of X-rays (FMX) on a patient (with the patient's written approval), developing and mounting them, and submitting them to the Dental Assisting National Board on behalf of the Oregon Board of Dentistry under the supervision of a qualified instructor. The second step involves taking a written exam (the RHS exam) via computer at a local venue and passing it by achieving the minimum score.

How much do the exams cost?

Currently, it's \$170 to take and submit the FMX and to cover the certificate fee, and \$150 to take the RHS written exam. These fees are charged and set by the Dental Assisting National Board.

How many times can I take the exams if I don't pass on the first attempt?

You have three chances to pass the exam. To-date, nearly all of our graduates have passed both exams on the first try.

Do the certificates have to be renewed?

No, once you have passed the exams the certificates are valid for life within Oregon.

Are the certificates valid in other states?

It depends on each individual state. If you are considering moving to another state you should contact the dental board of that state and inquire.

How much does the course cost?

Tuition, supplies, application and enrollment fees, which are subject to change, total \$1,495. WVDAS does offer payment plans, however, most students pay in full prior-to the start of the course.

How do I enroll?

Simply contact our office via phone or email. Our email is: info@wvdas.com or ron@wvdas.com and you can contact us by phone at 503-551-7217. From there, a tour and interview will be conducted.

When is the course offered?

WVDAS offers the course, generally, once each calendar year. For the next scheduled class, please contact our school administrator, Ron DeCarlo at 503-551-7217 or ron@wvdas.com. We maintain a waiting list if the class is full as well as a pre-registration list. We highly recommend placing your name on the pre-registration list.