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# Dental Assisting

Harare, Zimbabwe

Dental assistants keep a dental surgery running: preparing the surgery and instruments, assisting the dentist at the chair, sterilising equipment, handling dental materials and X-ray safety, and looking after patients and records. This 8-month course (two semesters) teaches those skills hands-on, ends with supervised placement in a dental practice, and prepares you for two exams from the US Dental Assisting National Board (DANB): Infection Control (ICE) and Radiation Health and Safety (RHS). In Zimbabwe, dental surgery assistants are not currently registered with the Medical and Dental Practitioners Council; they work under the supervision of a registered dentist.

## Qualifications and exams

CERTIFICATION EXAMS

DANB

**DANB Infection Control (ICE) and Radiation Health and Safety (RHS)**

Two exams from the US Dental Assisting National Board, with no entry requirements, written online with a live remote proctor (Pearson VUE OnVUE) in a testing room at BriteEducation's Harare campus.

**DANB exam availability for candidates in Zimbabwe is being confirmed.**

## Curriculum: 8 months (two semesters)

Chairside skills, infection control and radiation safety, with clinical placement in a dental practice. The infection control and radiation modules prepare you for the two DANB exams.

| Stage | Modules | Practical and placement |
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| **Semester 1**<br>Months 1–4 | 1. Dental terminology, tooth anatomy and charting<br>2. Infection control and sterilisation (DANB ICE)<br>3. Dental instruments and chairside assisting<br>4. First aid and CPR for the dental surgery | • Sterilisation and surgery set-up practicals<br>• Four-handed dentistry drills<br>**DANB Infection Control (ICE) exam** |
| **Semester 2**<br>Months 5–8 | 1. Radiation health and safety (DANB RHS)<br>2. Dental materials and impressions<br>3. Reception, patient records and appointments<br>4. Professional conduct and working under a dentist's supervision | • Supervised placement in a dental practice<br>• Logbook signed by the supervising dentist<br>**DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam** |

## Fees

> Flexible payment plans available. Exam fees: DANB ICE and RHS about US$270 each, set by DANB and paid separately.

## Entry requirements

Minimum of 5 O Levels including English and a science subject, or relevant experience in a health setting. Age 18 or over.

## Study modes

Weekday, evening, weekend or live online, on campus in Harare or from anywhere.

## Careers

- Dental Surgery Assistant
- Chairside Dental Assistant
- Dental Receptionist
- Sterilisation Assistant
- Dental Practice Administrator
- Dental Supplies Sales Representative

## Questions students ask

**Are dental assistants registered in Zimbabwe?**
Not at present. Dental surgery assistants are not currently registered with the Medical and Dental Practitioners Council of Zimbabwe; they work under the supervision of a registered dentist. Your credentials from this course are the DANB Infection Control and Radiation Health and Safety exams.

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