

Virginia Board of Dentistry

Educational Requirements for Dental Assistants II

- §54.1-2729.01 of the Code of Virginia permits the Board to prescribe the education and training requirements that must be completed for a person to qualify for registration as a dental assistant II.
- Every applicant for registration must complete 50 hours of didactic coursework in dental anatomy and operative dentistry required by 18VAC60-30-120.B.1 and the written examinations required by 18VAC60-30-120.B.4.
- 18VAC60-30-120.B.2 and 3, of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Dental Assistants specifies four modules of laboratory training, clinical experience and examination that may be completed in order to qualify for registration as a dental assistant II. The Board interprets these provisions to permit someone to complete one or more of the modules to qualify for registration. An applicant does not have to complete all four modules. However, the educational institution offering the dental assistant II program has the discretion to decide how to structure its program.
- The registration issued by the Board to a dental assistant II shall specify which of the six delegable duties listed in 18VAC60-30-60 may be delegated to the registrant as follows:
 - Completion of the laboratory training, clinical experience module on placing, packing, carving, and polishing amalgam restorations qualifies a registrant to perform pulp capping procedures and to pack and carve amalgam restorations.
 - Completion of the laboratory training and clinical experience module on placing and shaping composite resin restorations qualifies a registrant to perform pulp capping procedures and to place and shape composite resin restorations.
 - Completion of the laboratory training and clinical experience module on taking final impressions and using non-epinephrine retraction cord qualifies a registrant to take final impressions and to use non-epinephrine retraction cord.
 - Completion of the laboratory training and clinical experience module on final cementation of crowns and bridges after adjustment and fitting by a dentist qualifies a registrant to perform final cementation of crowns and bridges.