

# TSA Information for Dental Assisting

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SAC Prefix and Name: **DA Dental Assisting**

Name of faculty member responsible for TSA reporting: **Josette Beach, Director**

**Description of TSA(s) in 300 words or less:** DA uses multiple TSA measures, including two board exams, industry certification, and a job performance evaluation. Students' skill attainment is based on exam scores, ability to earn OEFDA certification, and on-the-job performance. The measures are:

1. The Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Radiation Health and Safety exam.
2. DANB Infection Control exam.
3. Oregon Expanded Function Dental Assisting Certification.
4. Performance assessment during spring term externship.

**Maximum score possible:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

DANB uses computer adaptive testing (CAT) to present questions to candidates. This method of testing does not provide a percent of questions that must be answered correctly to pass the exam. Instead, the questions come from a pool of questions that have been pretested and calibrated.

Each candidate starts with a question at or around the passing standard. If the candidate gets a question correct, the next question will be slightly harder. If the question is incorrectly answered, the next question will be slightly easier. Question selection always takes into account the content of the question, as each candidate is presented with the same percentage of questions from each content area on the exam blueprint. Using this method of testing, DANB is able to more accurately pinpoint a candidate's ability level. The average candidate will get a little over 50 percent of the questions correct and a little under 50 percent of the questions incorrect. The candidate's score is based on the difficulty of the questions that were presented and passed.

**Benchmark score** (score that "meets expectations" for completing students):

For DANB RHS: See Above

For DANB ICE: PCC requires 493 or higher

For Externship Performance Assessment: Completion at 70% or higher

**Clarifying notes:** DANB Exam results are reported to the program twice a year. The reporting time periods are for January 1 to June 30 and the second report is for January 1 to December 31st).

Depending on when a student/graduate takes the exam, the report may have graduates from two different years listed. The director utilizes the full year report in TSA Reporting (Example the report submitted June 2019 was information listed from the report received in April 2019 from DANB Testing for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018).

CIP Code	Test Name	Test Type
510601	OBC001	PAIRCL