

# Dental Assistant Endorsement

## *Specifications, Competencies & Requirements*

### PURPOSE

This endorsement is meant for certified teachers interested in teaching **Dental Assisting** courses. It is attached to a current Utah Educator License with a license area of concentration in **Secondary** or **Career Technical Education (CTE)** Education. Upon attachment of this endorsement to a Utah educator license, educators will be approved to teach the following USBE courses:

**Dental Assistant**

### ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

#### *Prerequisite*

Demonstrate an understanding of Career and Technical Education basics.

CTE Knowledge

#### *Endorsement Competency*

Applicants must complete the following competency requirements to hold the professional endorsement.

Hold a current Dental Assistant Certification or Dental Hygienist Degree

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### COMPETENCY DETAILS & DESCRIPTIONS

#### *Prerequisite*

#### 1. CTE Knowledge

Demonstrate an understanding of CTE basics:

- Explain how CTE links learning to specific Utah industries and what its main goals are.
- Know the licenses and endorsements needed to teach specific CTE courses.
- Describe how CTE is organized into clusters and pathways at the state, district (LEA), and school levels, and how this helps students succeed after graduation.
- Locate and use the state's strands and standards in lesson plans.
- Explore CTE student organizations (CTSOs) and professional groups and explain how they support students and teachers.
- Explain how advisory boards, with industry members, make sure programs meet job market needs and maintain safe learning environments.
- Understand the basics of securing funding, planning for the program's future, and participating in the state Program of Quality Review (PQR) to ensure program excellence.

Select one of the following options:

- USBE Course: [CTE Orientation](#)
- Complete THREE years of full-time CTE Teaching in Utah

- Currently holds a professional-level CTE endorsement

### *Endorsement Competencies*

## 2. Dental Assistant Certification or Dental Hygienist Certification Degree

The individual must possess a current and valid license or certification as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) or Certified Dental Assistant (CDA). This credential signifies that the individual has met the educational and clinical requirements established by their respective state or national board, demonstrating the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform dental assisting or hygiene procedures safely and effectively.

*To demonstrate completion of this competency, the applicant must submit documentation of certification or a degree.*