

Effective June 26, 2019, a dentist may delegate remedial restorative functions to a Dental Assistant or to a Dental Hygienist who has completed the **mandatory training** offered by an accredited dental or dental hygiene program.

What restorative functions are delegable?

- All functions delegated shall be performed under direct supervision.
- The delegating and supervising dentist shall remain fully responsible for all delegated tasks and for ensuring that the dental assistant or dental hygienist meets the training requirements of this rule.
- After a dentist has prepared a tooth, a dentist may delegate to a dental assistant or hygienist the task of placing, packing and contouring amalgam and composite restorations and the fitting and contouring of stainless-steel crowns (tasks).
 - Does not include permanently cementing stainless steel crowns.
 - The tasks shall only be performed using a slow speed handpiece and hand instruments.

What are the responsibilities of the delegating dentist?

- Shall not supervise more than four (4) dental hygienists or dental assistants in combination who are simultaneously performing the tasks
- Shall ensure that the patient's dental chart is annotated to reflect the initials of the dental assistant who performed the tasks.
- Shall ensure that the patient's dental chart reflects that the final restoration was verified by the delegating dentist and the result of the verification shall also be documented.

What are the prerequisites for a Dental Assistant?

- To be eligible to be admitted into the mandatory training course required by rule, a dental assistant (Candidate) shall meet the following conditions:
 - Be at least 18 years of age.
 - Be a high school graduate or have a High School Equivalency Certificate.
 - Have a current Basic Life Support for Healthcare Provider certificate.
 - Be a graduate of a dental assisting program that is accredited by a dental accrediting entity recognized by the United States Department of Education or shall have received formal training in expanded duties.
 - Never had a dental assisting license suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction.
 - Within 24 months prior to being admitted to the mandatory training course, the Candidate must have documented proof of 2400 hours of clinical work experience in either a dental office or as an educator of dental assisting.
 - The training program shall ensure that the candidate meets all the qualifications before accepting the candidate into the training program

What are the prerequisites for a Dental Hygienist?

- To be eligible to be admitted into the mandatory training course required by rule, a dental hygienist (Candidate) shall meet the following conditions:
 - Be at least 18 years of age.
 - Be a high school graduate or have a High School Equivalency Certificate.
 - Have a current Basic Life Support for Healthcare Provider certificate.

- Have an active unrestricted dental hygiene license from any U.S. state or territory.
- Have never had a dental hygiene license suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction.
- Within 24 months prior to being admitted to the mandatory training course, the Candidate must have documented proof of 2400 hours of clinical work experience in either
 - a dental office or
 - as an educator of dental hygiene or
 - is a graduate of a dental hygiene program, accredited by a dental accrediting entity recognized by the United States Department of Education, within 24 months prior to being admitted to the mandatory training course.
- The training program shall ensure that the candidate meets all the qualifications before accepting the candidate into the training program

What training is required for a Dental Assistant?

- The training course shall be offered by a dental or dental hygiene school or program that is accredited by a dental accrediting entity recognized by the United States Department of Education.
- At a minimum, the training shall include and contain the following:
 - 105 clock hours including a minimum of 10 hours dedicated to preclinical didactic hours (may be offered online), and
 - At the completion of the preclinical didactic hours, the course shall require the passing of an initial written examination prior to the clinical portion of the training. A passing score shall require a score of 75 percent or above.
 - A clinical portion consisting of a minimum 70 hours dedicated to simulated lab, and
 - A minimum of 25 hours dedicated to live patients.
 - A clinical and lab session for Amalgam Restorations Class I, II, and V, which shall include live patients.
 - A clinical and lab session for Composite Restorations Class I, II, III, and V, which shall include live patients.
 - A clinical and lab session to size, fit and contour, but not permanently cement, stainless steel crowns, which shall include live patients.
- The training program shall verify competency by requiring an exit or final written examination and clinical examination that includes live patients.
 - The written portion of the examination shall include a section covering the Laws and Rules of Dentistry in Florida.
 - A passing score shall require a 75 percent or above on both the written and clinical examination and the examinations shall not be weighted to achieve an overall score of 75 percent or better.
 - The clock hours dedicated to the exit or final written and clinical examination shall not count towards the required minimum 105 total clock hours required by the course.
- Upon the successful completion of the training course, a certificate of successful completion of the Restorative Function Course shall be issued. The delegating dentist shall ensure that a copy of this certificate is immediately available at the location where

tasks are delegated, and the certificate shall be produced by the dentist when requested by the Board of Dentistry Office or any authorized inspector.

What training is required for a Dental Hygienist?

- The training course shall be offered by a dental or dental hygiene school or program that is accredited by a dental accrediting entity recognized by the United States Department of Education.
- At a minimum, the training shall include and contain the following:
 - 85 clock hours including a minimum of 5 hours dedicated to preclinical didactic hours (may be done online), and a clinical portion consisting of a minimum 55 hours dedicated to simulated lab and a minimum of 25 hours dedicated to live patients.
 - At the completion of the preclinical didactic hours, the course shall require the passing of an initial written examination prior to the clinical portion of the training. A passing score shall require a score of 75 percent or above.
 - A clinical and lab session for Amalgam Restorations Class I, II, and V, which shall include live patients.
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 - A passing score shall require a 75 percent or above on both the written and clinical examination and the examinations shall not be weighted to achieve an overall score of 75 percent or better.
 - The clock hours dedicated to the exit or final written and clinical examination shall not count towards the required minimum 85 total clock hours required by the course.
- Upon the successful completion of the training course, a certificate of successful completion of the Restorative Function Course shall be issued. The delegating dentist shall ensure that a copy of this certificate is immediately available at the location where tasks are delegated, and the certificate shall be produced by the dentist when requested by the Board of Dentistry Office or any authorized inspector.