

481—577.1(153) Expanded function requirements and eligibility.

577.1(1) Dental hygienists or dental assistants may only perform expanded function procedures upon successful completion of a board-approved course of training. Dental assistant trainees are not eligible to receive training in or perform expanded function procedures.

a. This shall not preclude dental hygienists or dental assistants from practicing expanded function procedures for training purposes while enrolled in a board-approved course of training.

b. Expanded function procedures must be delegated by and performed under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist unless otherwise specified in this chapter.

c. Services that are therapeutic or preventive in nature and are within the scope of practice for dental hygienists are not deemed to be expanded functions.

577.1(2) To be eligible to train in expanded function procedures, dental hygienists must hold an active dental hygiene license in Iowa.

577.1(3) To be eligible to train in expanded function procedures, dental assistants must comply with one of the following:

a. Be a graduate of an accredited school;

b. Be currently certified by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB); or

c. Have at least three months of clinical practice as a dental assistant.

577.1(4) A dentist who delegates expanded function procedures to dental hygienists or dental assistants under direct supervision must examine the patient to review the quality of work prior to the conclusion of the dental appointment. The following expanded function procedures are exempt from this requirement and may be performed under general supervision:

a. Recementation of a provisional restoration.

b. Taking occlusal registrations for purposes other than mounting study casts by dental hygienists only.

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