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Course: *Methodology on Orthodontic Attachment Placement*

Course Description:

The scope of practice for California RDA's now includes the direct bonding of orthodontic buttons. This session will give you the tools needed to incorporate this into your program at a pre-clinical level. We will focus on techniques for bonding buttons for use in orthodontic treatment with aligners and will touch on buttons used with traditional orthodontic bracket treatment.

Course Objectives:

1. Define the use of orthodontic buttons
2. Identify the steps in the orthodontic button bonding technique
3. Identify troubleshooting techniques in orthodontic button bonding
4. Apply best practices in orthodontic button bonding for incorporating into their RDA program

Dawn Brewster, RDA, CDA, OAP, AA, BSM, is an accomplished dental professional and educator from Rancho Cucamonga, California, with over 42 years of experience as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA), Orthodontic Assistant Permit holder for 9 years and 27 years as an educator. She holds a Ryan's Designated Subjects Teaching Credential in Dental Services and a Bachelor of Science in Business with a focus on leadership. Dawn began her career after graduating from the Baldy View ROP RDA program in 1983, where she later served as an instructor and Program Director. She has also taught at Chaffey College, Moreno Valley College, Pasadena City College, and Cerritos College.

Since 2016, she has been the full-time RDA instructor and Program Director of the Citrus College RDA program, where she developed the Dental Board-approved Citrus College Orthodontic Assistant Permit course. Her clinical experience spans 6 years in general dentistry and 13 years in orthodontics. As a member of CADAT since 1998, Dawn is passionate about education and orthodontics and is honored to share her expertise.