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Name of Course: *Government Relations Update*

Course Description:

This course will discuss the previous, current and future legislation that affects dental assisting. Discussion will include new pathways to licensure, updated requirements for the orthodontic assistant permit, scope of practice, and newly introduced legislation.

Course Objectives:

1. Describe the new pathways and qualifications for RDA licensure.
2. List the updated requirements for the unlicensed dental assistant for the orthodontic assistant permit.
3. Describe the requirements for the unlicensed dental assistant's certification postings.

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Melodi Randolph has been teaching dental assisting for over 30 years in both private and public institutions and has been actively involved in many Allied Dental Health organizations during her professional career. She has been faculty and the dental assisting program director at Sacramento City College, San Joaquin Valley College, and Western Career College. She is the owner of RDA4U, a company approved by the Dental Board of California for all DA and RDA certification courses. She graduated from the first RDAEF2 course ever offered in California and though she thoroughly enjoys clinical dentistry, her real passion is passing along her knowledge and enthusiasm for dentistry to Allied Dental Health students everywhere.

Shari Becker, CDA, RDA, AA, FADAA

Shari has been an RDA and CDA for 40 years still working as a chairside assistant and educator. She has her teaching credential in health occupations for adult education and has been an educator for 29 years. Shari is a current member of ADAA, CDAA, CADAT, OSAP, CDA. Shari has been an educator with a focus on infection control and the dental practice act for over 12 years. She currently teaches these subjects monthly for the Santa Clara County Dental Society as well as state and local dental assisting societies.