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Name of Course: *Government Relations Update*

Course Description:

This course will discuss the past, present and future legislation that affects dental assisting. Find out what your role is in all of this. Discussion will include the “clean up” of the duties table, a brief review of pathways to licensure, oversight concepts and newly introduced legislation, and proposed future virtual meetings to review and discuss ADHP laws.

Course Objectives:

1. Review the clean up within the duties table.
2. Describe current pathways and qualifications to RDA licensure.
3. Identify specific concerns regarding newly introduced legislation.
4. List and recognize current legislation affecting dental assisting.

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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 over 39 years of experience as a chairside dental assistant and 29 years as an educator. She maintains both her state licensure and national certification in dental assisting. Shari also continues to maintain her full-time teaching credential in health occupations.



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Shari maintains a position working as a chairside assistant as well as teaching dental assisting at Mt. Diablo Adult Education in Concord, CA. She also teaches for the Santa Clara County Dental Society offering the required 8-hour infection course and the 2-hour California Dental Practice Act course for the unlicensed dental assistant.

She has served on multiple board of directors, including the American Dental Assistants Association, California Dental Assistants Association, Diablo Dental Assistants Society, the California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers, and the California Dental Association. She is currently serving on the California Dental Assistants Association, the California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers, and Diablo Dental Assistants Society. She attends multiple conferences annually and is an active member of the following organizations: American Dental Assistants Association, California Dental Assistants Association, California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers, California Dental Association, Dental Assisting Educators Group, Outreach and Technical Assistance Organization, and Association of Dental Safety, formerly the Organization of Safety, Asepsis and Prevention.