

## **MDA Basic Skills Exam In-Person Review**

### **Course Format & Study Aides**

During this course, the group will have open dialogue about common topics covered on the exam. Each assistant will be provided a set of topical flashcards. The group will discuss each topic, while assistants make their own notes on each flashcard, which can be used later for self-study and review. After the initial review and discussion, a practice test will be given to each assistant. After completion, assistants will self-grade tests openly, while allowing for additional Q&A time on topics that may need deeper analysis. After completion, the practice test will serve as an additional study guide for the assistant. In addition, a short overview of the EFDA programs and processes will be given at the conclusion of the program, including time for Q&A.

### **Course Objectives**

- Thorough review and discussion of the topics included in the DANB MBDA exam
- Focus on the challenging topics and questions many dental assistants have difficulty with
- Complete provided flashcard set for additional study and review
- Take practice test (self-graded in class) to serve as an additional exam study guide

### **Course Instructor**

Linda Twehous, CDA, EFDA, BS has been a dental assistant since 1983. She is a Dental Assisting National Board-Certified Dental Assistant with Missouri Expanded Functions permits. Linda earned California Registered Dental Assistant with extended duties, radiology and coronal polish certifications. She also holds a lifetime Missouri Vocational Educator certificate in dental assisting. In 2003, Linda joined the Dental Assisting Faculty at Nichols Career Center (NCC) teaching Chairside Assisting (including infection control protocols) and Dental Materials courses. In 2012, she became director of the NCC dental assisting program and remained director through the transfer of the program to State Technical College of Missouri. As director she taught Infection Control, Radiology, Dental Science (including pharmacology and dental anatomy) and Business Office Procedures. Linda took early retirement when the program was relocated to Linn, Missouri in 2016, however she has continued to be involved in dental assisting education.