

# Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination (DAANCE)

**A Study Course and Certification  
for Anesthesia Assistants**  
Year 'Round Program  
(Formerly OMAAP)



**12**  
**Continuing  
Dental Education  
Credits**

DAANCE

## WHAT IS DAANCE?

The Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination (DAANCE) is a two-part continuing education program comprised of approximately 36 hours of self-study material and quizzes and a standardized, computer-based exam. This course is designed for oral and maxillofacial surgery assistants or assistants employed by other dental professionals who hold valid anesthesia permits. This course is recognized and qualifies for 12 continuing education credits through the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) for successfully completing the course. Upon successful completion of the final examination, the assistant will receive proof of certification and an AAOMS Anesthesia Assistants Program lapel pin.

## WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO TAKE DAANCE?

The following are the eligibility requirements for participation in the DAANCE program:

- An assistant must be employed by either an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who is a member of AAOMS or by a dental professional who holds a valid anesthesia permit. Non-AAOMS offices must enclose a copy of their anesthesia permit with each application submitted.
- All applicants must provide a copy of a CURRENT CPR or BCLS CERTIFICATION with their registration form in order to receive their study materials.

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*The CPR or BCLS certification must be current through your examination date (a minimum of six months).*

*If your certification expires between the date of registration and your DAANCE expiration date, a new copy must be submitted to Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc (AMP), the examination agency.*

*You will not be allowed to schedule your examination without a current CPR or BCLS certification.*

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## WHAT DOES DAANCE COVER?

Assistants and sponsoring doctors will each receive study materials that focus on the following five areas:

- Basic sciences
- Systemic diseases and evaluation/preparation of patients
- Anesthetic drugs and techniques
- Anesthesia equipment and monitoring
- Office anesthesia emergencies

A suggested reading list is included in the DAANCE study guide. Upon completion of each module in the study guide, the assistant will take a practice quiz, which the sponsoring surgeon will score. The doctor will receive an answer key with his/her study guide. These quizzes are for reference and do not need to be submitted to AAOMS. When the assistant has completed all study guide modules and practice quizzes, it is time to schedule the final examination.

## WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DAANCE PROGRAM?

Upon completion of the DAANCE program, assistants should bring a strong knowledge base to the anesthesia team with:

- A basic knowledge and understanding of anatomy and physiology, and cardiovascular and respiratory systems;
- The ability to recognize and explain the divisions of the central nervous system;
- The ability to recognize and describe the components of the medical history and the review systems;
- The ability to explain the differences between local anesthesia, inhalation analgesia, conscious sedation, deep sedation and general anesthesia;



### Continuing Education Credit

The self-study course work is approximately 36 hours. This course provides 12 continuing dental education credits through the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB).

The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider. Academy of General Dentistry Approved PACE Program Provider FAGD/MAGD Credit  
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This course has been approved for 12 continuing education dental credits through the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)



- The ability to demonstrate familiarity with commonly used drugs and techniques utilized by the anesthesia team to achieve various levels of sedation;
- The ability to recognize and describe office anesthesia emergencies, including cardiovascular, respiratory, allergic and convulsive emergencies; and
- Familiarity with the essentials of monitoring blood pressure, ECG readings, pulse and the ability to recognize normal oxygen saturation levels.

### ABOUT THE EXAMINATION

The DAANCE examination consists of 115 multiple-choice questions. Fifteen items will be included as pre-test items. These pre-test items are unscored and will not affect a candidate's score. Candidates will have two hours to complete the exam. The examination is administered in a computerized format that is easy for individuals at all levels of computer literacy.

Confirmation of a candidate's eligibility will be valid for a period of six (6) months. If a candidate fails to schedule an examination appointment within the six (6) month eligibility period, he or she will be required to reapply and resubmit the application fee.

Exam eligibility becomes active when the DAANCE candidate receives an eligibility postcard in the mail. The eligibility expiration date will be indicated in the first paragraph on the postcard.

The policy regarding transferring and/or refunding examination fees is as follows:

- Candidates who do not schedule an examination appointment within six (6) months from the date their eligibility is confirmed will forfeit their application fee and must reapply and resubmit the fee.
- Candidates who fail to appear for an examination appointment or arrive at the assessment center more than 15 minutes late for their appointment will not be allowed to sit for their examination; they will not receive a refund and cannot transfer their fees to a future examination appointment. Individuals who are late or miss an examination appointment will be required to submit another application and fee.
- Candidates who do not pass the examination at their first sitting have the opportunity to retest one (1) additional time. A re-examination fee of \$85.00 will be assessed for all candidates who sit for the second examination.
- Candidates who do not pass the examination the first time will receive a reapplication form on their examination score report immediately after the exam. It is the candidate's responsibility to complete and submit the reapplication form to AMP within 30 days of receipt. Once the candidate's new application is received and processed, the candidate will be given a new eligibility date. The candidate will then have six (6) months from their new eligibility date to retest.
- Candidates will only be allowed to retest one time at the \$85.00 fee.

The examination is administered by appointment only, Monday through Friday at 9:00 am and 1:30 pm.

Candidates are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. AMP assessment centers are located across the country. Visit [www.goamp.com](http://www.goamp.com) for a current listing of assessment center locations and directions.

Examinations must be scheduled at least four (4) business days in advance. Unscheduled candidates (walk-ins) will not be admitted to assessment centers. Examinations will not be administered on most holidays, but please confirm this with AMP when scheduling your exam.



### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please complete a registration form for each assistant enrolling in the program. (You may photocopy the registration form as needed.) Please mail registration forms to:

Applied Measurement Professionals (AMP)  
18000 W. 105th Street • Olathe, KS 66061-7543

Or fax registration forms to 913/895-4650. Registrations are not accepted over the phone.

Direct questions to AMP at 913/895-4600. Refer to the AAOMS DAANCE course.

Course materials will be mailed to the sponsoring surgeon's office address.

*Please allow AMP three weeks to process the application and deliver study materials.*

### ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED READINGS

Tuition includes the DAANCE Study Materials and Examination fee *only*. The following additional suggested readings can be ordered separately through AAOMS Publications by phone at 800-366-6725 or online at [aaomsstore.com](http://aaomsstore.com):

- AAOMS Office Anesthesia Evaluation Manual, 7th edition (Order Code: OAE-007)
- SASS III Manual: Advanced Protocols for Medical Emergencies (Order Code: SASSIII)

### EXAMINATION AGENCY

AMP is a research and development firm that conducts professional competency assessment research and provides examination services for a number of professional educational programs. AAOMS contracted AMP to assist in the development, administration, scoring, score reporting and analysis of the DAANCE.

### RESCHEDULING THE EXAMINATION

If for any reason you need to reschedule your examination, you will be allowed a one-time rescheduling option within your six-month eligibility period at no charge. To reschedule, you must contact AMP at least four (4) business days in advance of your scheduled examination date. After the first cancellation, there will be a rescheduling fee of \$85.00 for each additional examination change. A "Request to Reschedule Examination Appointment" form is located in the DAANCE study guide and on the AAOMS Web site.

### STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

AAOMS and AMP do not discriminate against any individual or candidate with respect to age, sexual preference, color, religion, creed, marital status, national origin, race, language, medical conditions or disability. All candidates are considered solely on the basis of their independent ability to meet the eligibility criteria established by the AAOMS Committee on Practice Management and Professional Allied Staff. It is AAOMS policy to comply with all applicable federal and state laws with respect to nondiscrimination.

### SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES

AAOMS and AMP comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and strive to ensure that no individual with a disability is deprived of the opportunity to take the DAANCE examination solely by reason of that disability. AMP will provide reasonable accommodations for candidates with disabilities. Verification of the disability and a statement from an appropriate professional (education professional, doctor, psychologist, psychiatrist) of the specific type of assistance needed must be made in writing and included with the completed registration form. When you call to schedule your examination, please inform AMP of your need for special accommodations.



A continuing education program of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons designed for assistants.

**Fees and Payment**

Tuition includes the DAANCE study materials and examination fee. Additional suggested readings are the AAOMS *Office Anesthesia Evaluation Manual, 7th edition* and the *SASS III Manual: Advanced Protocols for Medical Emergencies in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Office*.

The additional suggested readings must be ordered separately through AAOMS publications at 800/366-6725 or online at [aaomsstore.com](http://aaomsstore.com).

**Substitution and Refund**

**Policy**

All substitutions and cancellations must be made using the DAANCE Substitutions and Cancellations Form provided in the *DAANCE Study Guide*.

Candidates may reschedule ONE appointment for examination at no charge by calling AMP at 888/519-9901 at least four (4) business days prior to the scheduled testing session. A rescheduling fee of \$85.00 will be charged for any subsequent appointment changes.

**Assistant Information (as it should appear on the certificate):**

Please print or type

Mr./Ms.      First Name      Middle Initial      Last Name

E-Mail address

Please indicate if you have previously participated in the OMAAP program.       Y       N

Sponsoring Doctor      Practice Name

Practice Address      City      State      Zip

Telephone      Fax      E-Mail

I certify that the participant named above will have completed course materials and quizzes, and will possess a current CPR or BCLS card prior to sitting for the Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination.

Participant's Signature      Date      Sponsoring Doctor's Signature      Date

A copy of the participant's current CPR or BCLS card is enclosed       Y       N

Please indicate whether your sponsoring surgeon is an:  
 AAOMS Member OMS Sponsor      Tuition \$300.00  
 Other Dental Specialist\*      Tuition \$450.00

Specify Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Tuition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Non-AAOMS member/sponsoring dentist must enclose a copy of their valid anesthesia permit.*

**Payment by Credit Card**

When paying by credit card, complete the information below and return it with completed registration form. Fax to: 913/895-4650 Mail to: AMP, 18000 West 105th Street, Olathe, KS 66061

Credit Card:  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  American Express

Name of Cardholder

Credit Card Number      Expiration Date

**Payment by Check**

Payment must be made in U.S. currency and payable to "AMP." Mail with completed form to: AMP, 18000 West 105th Street, Olathe, KS 66061

Please remember to include a copy of your current CPR or BCLS certification with your registration form to receive your study materials. Allow AMP three weeks to process your application and deliver your study materials. For inquiries please call AMP at 888/519-9901.