

# ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE

## INFECTION CONTROL IN DENTISTRY

Board-Approved 8-Hour Continuing Education Course

**Date:** July 31, 2026    **Time:** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM    **Location:** Rooms M-114 and M-115, 800 S College Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93454

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Offered through Allan Hancock College, this one-day (8-hour) certification course is strictly limited to **12 students** to ensure hands-on clinical training. Designed to fully train dental assistants in current OSHA and CDC protocols, the curriculum targets modes of disease transmission, HBV/HIV prevention, medical safety, sterilization, surface disinfection, and chemical hazard compliance. This course fully satisfies the criteria of California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 16, Section 1005.

#### 2026 STATE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Dentist-employers are legally obligated to ensure training for their staff. Under active 2026 guidelines, unlicensed dental assistants **MUST complete this 8-hour course PRIOR to performing any basic supportive procedures** that involve potential exposure to blood, saliva, or infectious elements. The old 1-year grace period from date of employment is no longer valid (effective 1/1/2025 under SB 1453).

### CALIFORNIA DENTAL PRACTICE ACT REQUIREMENTS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE (BPC)

#### **BPC Section 1750(c) (Unlicensed Dental Assistants)**

Employers must verify completion of an approved 8-hour infection control course prior to allowing dental assistants to experience clinical exposure.

#### **BPC Sections 1750.2 & 1750.4 (Orthodontic & Sedation Assistant Permits)**

It is a mandatory requirement that Orthodontic Assistants (OA) and Dental Sedation Assistants (DSA) successfully complete a Board-approved 8-hour Infection Control course before they begin employment or perform specialty clinical duties.

#### **BPC Section 1752.1(a)(2) (RDA Licensure)**

Applicants seeking Registered Dental Assistant licensure must show completion of this board-approved course within the past 2 years.

### REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

#### REQUIRED REGISTRATION FORMS

To register, students must complete the following forms:

- **Contract Education Registration Form**
- **Payment Form**
- **Acknowledgement and Assumption of Potential Risk Form**

**Submission Guidelines:** Completed and scanned forms can be emailed or mailed with payment before the class starts. *We do not accept registration forms and payments on the date of the class. There are no refunds for no-shows.*

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **Do I need to purchase a parking permit?**

Yes. Allan Hancock College requires parking permits, which are available for purchase at the automated campus kiosks. Parking is permitted in the Student Parking Lots only.

#### **What is the required dress code for the course?**

Students must wear a clean clinical uniform/scrubs, a lab coat, a protective face mask, and closed-toe shoes. Full clinical PPE is required for the laboratory segments.

#### COURSE RECOMMENDATION

**Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification:** Completion of a Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers course (American Heart Association or American Red Cross) is **not required** to enroll in this course, but it is **highly recommended** for all dental assisting students prior to entering clinical environments.