

I'm a LCC dental assistant going through a vigorous 9-month program to learn safety and technique in the field of radiography among many other important dental practices. Ionizing radiation and asepsis practices can be life and death for the practitioner as well as the patient in the dental office. Dental assistants must prove competency. It is the ethical responsibility for the dental field, to hold high standards; after all dentistry is a medical field and should be treated as such. Certification requires a practitioner to know their field, both in real world situations as well as theory. Eliminating certification in radiology is wrong for the dental community, wrong for the public, and wrong for the person holding the x-ray machine. It disappoints me that people in the dental community think radiology certification is expendable and permissible, because it's not.