

## Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) Continuing Education Update (10/11)

DECS was recently notified by the Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) that they are phasing out their Continuing Education (CE) Approval Program. In the past, DECS obtained a DANB approval number to award CE credit to federal certified dental assistants after they successfully passed approved tests on the DECS Web site. This is no longer necessary. DANB Certificants may take any continuing education course related to the practice of dentistry or dental assisting (not just those with DANB approval numbers) to earn CE credits for renewal of DANB Certification. The DANB accepts all CE courses for certification renewal, as long as they are in line with the accepted CE categories described in DANB's *Recertification Requirements*. As DECS CE programs with DANB approval expire, DECS will remove the information from the main DECS CE page and the DANB number will no longer be included on the DECS CE Verification Letter. Certified dental assistants are encouraged to visit [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org) for additional information about CE requirements for recertification or any other DANB-related questions.

