JULIAN MERCER

DENTAL ASSISTANT

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Certified Dental Assistant with 5+ years supporting general dentists and oral surgeons. Handles chairside assisting, radiographs, impressions, and sterilization, and keeps procedure rooms set up and turned over on time.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Certified Dental Assistant Mar 2022 - Present
Pacific Dental Services, Phoenix, AZ

- Assist two dentists across crown, filling, and extraction appointments, setting up trays so procedures begin within two minutes of seating.
- Cut average room turnover from 14 to 10 minutes by prepping the next tray during the closing steps of each visit.
- Take digital radiographs and bitewings with a retake rate below 3%, tracked monthly against the clinic average.
- Train new assistants on four-handed dentistry and sterilization workflow.
- Scan and upload radiographs and clinical photos to the chart so treatment plans are ready before the dentist enters the room.
- Reduced instrument loss during sterilization cycles by labeling cassettes and counting sets at the end of each day.
- Assist with nitrous oxide monitoring and record patient vitals during extended restorative visits.

Dental Assistant Jan 2020 - Feb 2022
Smile Brands, Tempe, AZ

- Poured models, made temporary crowns, and took impressions, which reduced lab remakes caused by poor impressions to two in a year.
- Managed instrument sterilization and spore testing records, and passed every compliance audit during the period.
- Explained post-operative instructions to patients, lowering after-hours calls about extraction care.
- Prepared the surgical suite for implant and wisdom tooth cases, laying out sterile instruments and confirming consent forms were signed.

Dental Assistant Jun 2019 - Dec 2019
Mesa Family Dentistry, Mesa, AZ

- Supported a busy pediatric day schedule, keeping anxious children calm with tell-show-do techniques.
- Ordered clinical supplies weekly and kept stock counts accurate within a small tolerance.
- Greeted children and parents, and answered questions about brushing and sealants in plain language, which eased first-visit anxiety.

CORE SKILLS

Chairside assisting | Four-handed dentistry | Dental radiography | Impressions and temporaries | Sterilization and infection control | Tray setup | Dental materials | Patient comfort | Treatment documentation | Dentrix | Inventory ordering | OSHA compliance

EDUCATION

Certificate in Dental Assisting, Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Dental Assistant (CDA), DANB | Radiation Health and Safety (RHS), DANB | CPR/BLS for Healthcare Providers