



OSAP and DANB Infection Control Exams and Certifications At-A-Glance

	DANB's ICE Exam	OSAP-DANB DISIPC certification exam	OSAP-DANB CDIPC certification exam
# of questions	100 multiple-choice	105 multiple-choice	105 multiple-choice
Time to complete exam	75 minutes	80 minutes	80 minutes
Exam application fee	\$270	TBD	TBD
Eligibility requirements	None	Yes – Learn more	Yes – Learn more
Credential earned	Certificate of knowledge-based competence	Certification	Certification
Initials after your name	None	Yes – For example: Jane Smith, DISIPC	Yes – For example: Jane Smith, CDIPC
Renewal required	No – the certificate does not expire	Yes – certification must be renewed on a periodic basis, TBD	Yes – certification must be renewed on a periodic basis, TBD
Audiences for this exam	Dental assistants Dental assisting educators Those pursuing DANB's NELDA, COA or CDA certification	Dental practice managers Sales representatives and other professionals who work for the companies that manufacture or distribute infection prevention and control products State inspectors and those who inspect or investigate dental setting compliance for state regulatory agencies	All dental team members who implement federal infection prevention and control standards and guidelines in dental settings Educators or supervisors of the individuals listed above Corporate educators Consultants providing information on implementing federal infection prevention and control standards and guidelines in dental settings
Exam outlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Standard Precautions and the Prevention of Disease Transmission (20%) II. Prevention of Cross-contamination during Procedures (34%) III. Instrument/Device Processing (26%) IV. Occupational Safety/ Administrative Protocols (20%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Regulatory and Occupational Safety (20%) II. Disease Prevention (35%) III. Infection control protocols (Cleaning/Sterilization/ Reprocessing) (45%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Policies and Administrative Responsibilities (15%) II. Patient and Dental Health Care Provider Protection (25%) III. Environmental Asepsis and Disinfection (30%) IV. Sterilization and Instrument Processing (30%)

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Content Validation Study (CVS) – Job-related focus	ICE exam CVS covers tasks performed by dental assistants related to implementing OSHA's BBP Standard and Hazard Communication Standard and CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings (only dental assistants and dental assisting educators are surveyed).	Based on surveys of stratified samples of members of each of the DISIPC target audiences, the DISIPC exam CVS covers dental infection prevention and control knowledge needed by target audience members to perform tasks required by their jobs.	Based on surveys of stratified samples of members of each of the CDIPC target audiences, the CDIPC exam CVS covers dental infection prevention and control knowledge needed by target audience members to perform tasks required by their jobs.
Learning level focus of most exam items	ICE exam items address all 6 levels of Bloom's Taxonomy*: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge 2. Comprehension 3. Application 4. Analysis 5. Synthesis 6. Evaluation 	Focus of DISIPC exam item pool addresses all levels of Bloom's Taxonomy, but with a greater emphasis on questions at the lower level (first 3 categories) bolded below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge 2. Comprehension 3. Application 4. Analysis 5. Synthesis 6. Evaluation 	Focus of CDIPC exam item pool addresses all levels of Bloom's Taxonomy, but with a greater emphasis on questions at the upper level (last 3 categories) bolded below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge 2. Comprehension 3. Application 4. Analysis 5. Synthesis 6. Evaluation
On what basis is the minimum passing score established?	ICE exam pass point is established to reflect exam score that is required for target audience members to be considered at least competent** in implementing OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens and Hazard Communications Standards and CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings	DISIPC exam pass point is established to reflect exam score that is required to be considered at least competent** in demonstrating knowledge of federal infection prevention and control standards and guidelines required in dental settings that is required to perform the jobs of the DISIPC target audiences	CDIPC exam pass point is established to reflect exam score that is required to be considered at least competent** in demonstrating knowledge of federal infection prevention and control standards and guidelines required in dental settings that is required to perform the jobs of the CDIPC target audiences

*Bloom's Taxonomy (from the Glossary of Education Reform): **Bloom's taxonomy** is a classification system used to define and distinguish different levels of human cognition—i.e., thinking, learning, and understanding. Educators have typically used Bloom's taxonomy to inform or guide the development of assessments (tests and other evaluations of student learning), curriculum (units, lessons, projects, and other learning activities), and instructional methods such as questioning strategies. Bloom's Taxonomy includes these 6 levels, from simplest to most complex:

1. Knowledge
2. Comprehension
3. Application
4. Analysis
5. Synthesis
6. Evaluation

(NOTE: While this is a useful construct, OSAP, DANB and the DALE Foundation agree that Bloom's Taxonomy does not define or describe a sequence for human learning, because human learning is not linear.)

***(From ell.slackexchange.com): There is a value difference between competent and proficient: While both refer to knowing a skill, competence can refer to the bare minimum required for acceptability. Proficiency carries with it a level of mastery that is above the minimum. "Competent" lives in an either/or framework, while there are many gradations of "Proficient."*