Are you an unlicensed dental assistant? Are you a dentist currently employing an unlicensed dental assistant? The Dental Board of California (DBC) requires all dental assistants employed four months or longer to complete proper infection control training and radiation safety training for those who operate dental radiographic equipment. The Los Angeles Dental Society (LADS) is one of the few Los Angeles-area organizations offering DBC-approved courses specifically for dental staff. These courses are required one-time only and the Los Angeles Dental Society will provide all evidence of certification to both students and DBC.

Radiation Safety
This course covers safe and appropriate use of radiographic equipment including:

- Functions and terminology of X-ray equipment
- Image formation
- Radiographic techniques
- Radiation safety

Provided with Rin holders and X-ray film by LADS (a value of $120), students will be required to perform X-rays on four different patients, the results of which must be approved and passed by the instructor. *RDAs must show proof of completion of radiation safety and coronal polishing certifications to receive or maintain their RDA license.

8-Hour Infection Control
Focusing on all aspects of infection control in a dental setting, including disinfection and sterilization, universal and standard precautions, and operatory set-up and clean-up, this course covers the dental assistants’ responsibilities in a dental office per DBC guidelines and regulations. LADS provides the didactic and the clinical portion of the 8 hour infection control course.

Coronal Polishing
Through comprehensive theory, laboratory and hands-on clinical instruction, this course will prepare unlicensed dental assistants and RDAs to successfully perform coronal polishing. Students are required to bring their own handpiece for hands-on instruction and have two patients ready for clinical testing. *RDAs must show proof of completion of radiation safety and coronal polishing to receive or maintain their RDA license.