

AMT Member Spotlight

AMT is the national certification agency and membership association of allied health professionals. Our members are the reason our quality certifications are making a difference in healthcare. Read about the characteristics that set AMT members apart.

Janie Zlocki, RDA

Dental assisting can call for a range of skills from technical know-how to being effective with patients. AMT-certified Janie Zlocki, RDA (AMT), is a well-rounded Registered Dental Assistant who demonstrates those important technical and people skills.

Now working at Kess Orthodontics in Solon, Ohio as an orthodontic assistant, Janie is able to do anything she is tasked with. She handles different appointment types, cleaning, sterilizing and lab quickly and efficiently.

Janie also enjoys meeting and talking to patients. By taking the time to learn about them, Janie can adjust what she does and make them feel comfortable. She is able to ease anxiety they may have about their appointment. Sometimes, when a patient is really nervous, Janie will walk them through the procedure and show them exactly what she is going to do, which helps them relax.

According to Janie, the most rewarding part of her job is seeing how excited the patients get when they find out it is time to get their braces off, and she enjoys helping them boost their confidence level. "A smile can go a long way" she says.

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Kess Orthodontics
Solon, Ohio



Certified: Well-rounded

At her recently completed training program, Janie was an outstanding student. According to Lisa Theodore, Dental Assisting Instructor at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, "Janie is one of the most skilled and focused students I have ever encountered. She excels in chair-side assisting and preparing set-up trays. She is versatile in the dental laboratory and she processes X-rays with the greatest of ease. Janie is also very organized and has a caring personality and helpful attitude."

While at school, Janie was involved with many fundraisers and was a vital part of the "Tooth Fairy Program," which promotes children's dental health to over 450 pre-school children. She also participated in the school's annual food drive and local health fairs.

Janie plans to become a dentist and is currently in the first year of an undergraduate program. "I have a long way to go, but I know it will be worth it" she says. Having a flexible employer allows her to continue her education while still being able to practice her dental skills on a regular basis.

When preparing to take her RDA certification exam, Janie found study guides to be very helpful. She compared the guides to things she was doing at work so that she could truly understand the material.

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Janie says her AMT certification, "helped me learn to be a well-rounded dental assistant and be able to assess a situation and be ready to assist."

When she isn't working or studying to be a dentist, Janie rounds out her time by training in CrossFit and running. She is currently training for her first half marathon.

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