



Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

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CONTINUING EDUCATION SUMMARY SHEET

Continuing Education Year: **10/1/20XX to 9/30/20XX**

Dentist CE Requirements:

- 20 hours of Continuing Education Annually
 - **Mandatory:** At least 10 hours in person (**face-to-face**)
 - **Mandatory:** 4 hours CPR (Basic or Advanced Support Level – every 2 years through American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or an equivalent program) **In person only**
 - **Mandatory:** minimum of 1-hour Infectious Disease Control (related to the practice of dentistry or to the dental office) – every 2 years
 - **Mandatory:** minimum of 1 hour Prescribing Controlled Substances – every 2 years
 - **Mandatory:** OCS only – minimum of 2 hours of sedation and/or anesthesia every 2 years (ACLS as a requirement may be added by Board.)
 - Maximum 4 hours annually of insurance, government regs, and tort liability and/or risk management
 - Maximum 3 hours annually of practice management
 - Half of all CEs must be attributed to practice of dentistry.
 - NEW: October 1 – **Mandatory:** 1 hour per year of ethical considerations in the practice of dentistry
 - Pro Bono Charitable Work – must be within the State of Alabama, maximum allowed is 4 hours of credit (one hour of CE credit for every two hours of service)
 - Instruction – Two hours of CE credit shall be given for each hour taught by a dentist at a continuing education program. Only ten hours of annual CE hours can be satisfied this way. (No more than eight hours of credit in one day.)



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Dental Hygienist CE Requirements:

- 12 hours of Continuing Education Annually
 - **Mandatory:** At least 6 hours in person (face-to-face)
 - **Mandatory:** 2 hours CPR (Basic Support Level – every 2 years through American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or an equivalent program) In person only
 - **Mandatory:** 1-hour Infectious Disease Control as it relates to the dental office or the practice of dentistry – every 2 years
 - Maximum 4 hours annually of insurance, government regs, and tort liability and/or risk management
 - Max 3 hours annually of practice management
 - Half of all CEs must be attributed to practice of dental hygiene.
 - New: October 1 – **Mandatory:** 1 hour per year of ethical considerations in the practice of dental hygiene
 - Pro Bono Charitable Work – must be within the State of Alabama, maximum allowed is 4 hours of credit (one hour of CE credit for every two hours of service) Dental hygienists must be under direct supervision of a dentist licensed in the State of Alabama.
 - Instruction – Two hours of CE credit shall be given for each hour taught by a dental hygienist at a continuing education program.



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Additional Options:

- Licensees who have graduated or completed a dental residency in the first year of initial licensure shall provide proof of Infectious Disease Control and CPR for compliance. The second year will be required to do full CE hours.
- Waiver: Must be a written request to the Board demonstrating good and sufficient cause. Must be received by the Board by September 1 of the year in which the waiver or extension applies.

Excused from Continuing Education Requirements:

- Dentist/Dental Hygienist licensed in the State of Alabama but practicing outside the State of Alabama. If such person returns to the State and desire to practice, he/she shall then be required to submit evidence to the Board of continuing education documentation prior to being allowed to practice, within the preceding five years.
- Dentists enrolled in fulltime in a postgraduate specialty training or residency program at a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
- Dental hygienists enrolled fulltime in an academic program directly related to dentistry/dental hygiene, including but not limited to the Alabama Dental Hygiene Program.
- Permanently inactive/not practicing.
- Not practicing but can demonstrate good cause for being excused. (Documentation must be provided to the Board by September 1 of year requesting exemption.)

If non-compliance of CE, the dentist/dental hygienist are subject to a non-disciplinary administrative penalty as set forth in Board Rule 270-X-5.09 (1) (e).

For questions, please refer to Board Rules 270-X-4-.04. (The link to Board Rules is on the Home page of the website www.dentalboard.org.)