Continuing Education — Dentists

(1) Each dentist must complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years. Continuing education (C.E.) must be directly related to clinical patient care or the practice of dental public health.

(2) Dentists must maintain records of successful completion of continuing education for at least four licensure years consistent with the licensee's licensure cycle. (A licensure year for dentists is April 1 through March 31.) The licensee, upon request by the Board, shall provide proof of successful completion of continuing education courses.

(3) Continuing education includes:
   (a) Attendance at lectures, study clubs, college post-graduate courses, or scientific sessions at conventions.
   (b) Research, graduate study, teaching or preparation and presentation of scientific sessions. No more than 12 hours may be in teaching or scientific sessions. (Scientific sessions are defined as scientific presentations, table clinics, poster sessions and lectures.)
   (c) Correspondence courses, videotapes, distance learning courses or similar self-study course, provided that the course includes an examination and the dentist passes the examination.
   (d) Continuing education credit can be given for volunteer pro bono dental services provided in the state of Oregon; community oral health instruction at a public health facility located in the state of Oregon; authorship of a publication, book, chapter of a book, article or paper published in a professional journal; participation on a state dental board, peer review, or quality of care review procedures; successful completion of the National Board Dental Examinations taken after initial licensure; a recognized specialty examination taken after initial licensure; or test development for clinical dental, dental hygiene or specialty examinations. No more than 6 hours of credit may be in these areas.

(4) At least three hours of continuing education must be related to medical emergencies in a dental office. No more than four hours of Practice Management and Patient Relations may be counted toward the C.E. requirement in any renewal period.

(5) All dentists licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry will complete a one-hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority. All applicants or licensees shall complete this requirement by January 1, 2010 or within 24 months of the first renewal of the dentist's license.

(6) At least 2 hours of continuing education must be related to infection control. (Effective January 1, 2015.)

Continuing Education for Anesthesia Permit Holders

818-026-0040(9) - Nitrous Oxide Permit
Four (4) hours of continuing education in one or more of the following areas every two years:
- Sedation,
- Nitrous oxide,
- Physical evaluation,
- Medical emergencies,
- Monitoring and the use of monitoring equipment, or
- Pharmacology of drugs and agents used in sedation.

Training taken to maintain current Health Care Provider BLS/CPR certification, or its equivalent, may not be counted toward this requirement.

Continuing education hours may be counted toward fulfilling the continuing education requirement set forth in OAR 818-021-0060(1).

818-026-0050(9) – Minimal Sedation Permit
Four (4) hours of continuing education in one or more of the following areas every two years:
- Sedation,
- Physical evaluation,
- Medical emergencies,
- Monitoring and the use of monitoring equipment, or
- Pharmacology of drugs and agents used in sedation.

Training taken to maintain current Health Care Provider BLS/CPR certification, or its equivalent, may not be counted toward this requirement.

Continuing education hours may be counted toward fulfilling the continuing education requirement set forth in OAR 818-021-0060(1).

818-026-0060(12) – Moderate Sedation Permit
818-026-0065(12) – Deep Sedation Permit
14 hours of continuing education in one or more of the following areas every two years:
- Sedation,
- Physical evaluation,
- Medical emergencies,
- Monitoring and the use of monitoring equipment,
- Pharmacology of drugs and agents used in sedation, or
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS).

Continuing education hours may be counted toward fulfilling the continuing education requirement set forth in OAR 818-021-0060(1).

818-026-0070(12) – General Anesthesia
14 hours of continuing education in one or more of the following areas every two years:
- General anesthesia,
- Physical evaluation,
- Medical emergencies,
- Monitoring and the use of monitoring equipment,
- Pharmacology of drugs and agents used in anesthesia,
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS).

Continuing education hours may be counted toward fulfilling the continuing education requirement set forth in OAR 818-021-0060(1).