**20:43:03:07.  Continuing education requirements -- Dentists.** A dentist shall complete at least 100 hours of board-approved continuing education in each five-year licensure cycle. One hour of continuing education may be earned for each hour of attendance at a board-approved continuing education course.

Fifty hours of the required 100 hours must be academic. Academic hours must directly relate to the provision of clinical dental services and meet one of the following criteria:

(1)  The course must be taken physically at a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation;

(2)  The course presenter shall be affiliated with a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation;

(3)  The provider organization shall be approved by the American Dental Association Continuing Education Recognition Program; or

(4)  The provider organization shall be approved by the Academy of General Dentistry Program Approval For Continuing Education.

Credit for nutrition continuing education is limited to 15 hours per five-year licensure cycle. Credit for practice management continuing education is limited to ten hours per five-year licensure cycle. Credit for home study continuing education is limited to 30 hours per five-year licensure cycle. Credit for cardiopulmonary resuscitation continuing education is limited to 15 hours per five-year licensure cycle. Credit for clinical continuing education is unlimited per five-year licensure cycle. Up to five hours of clinical continuing education may be earned for attendance at exhibits at a state, regional, or national dental conference.

Dentists holding a general anesthesia and deep sedation, moderate sedation, or host permit must complete an additional 25 hours of continuing education in anesthesia-related topics per five-year licensure cycle.

The board's continuing education guidelines shall be reviewed annually.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 5 SDR 68, effective February 13, 1979; 6 SDR 87, effective March 2, 1980; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 13 SDR 23, effective September 3, 1986; 18 SDR 132, effective February 17, 1992; 20 SDR 166, effective April 11, 1994; 26 SDR 37, effective September 20, 1999; 35 SDR 67, effective September 25, 2008; 37 SDR 131, effective January 6, 2011; 38 SDR 172, effective April 25, 2012; 45 SDR 35, effective September 19, 2018; 48 SDR 62, effective December 13, 2021.

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