**20:43:03:07.01.  Continuing education requirements -- Dental hygienists.** A dental hygienist shall complete at least 75 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.

Five hours of the required 75 hours must be dental radiography continuing education. Credit for dental radiography continuing education is limited to 20 hours per five-year licensure cycle. Credit for nutrition continuing education is limited to 15 hours per five-year licensure cycle. Credit for practice management continuing education is limited to 10 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.

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

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