## **Continuing Dental Education Requirements by State**

This document is a general overview of continuing dental education requirements by state and is subject to change. Always check with your state board for confirmation of licensing requirements.

		Required	CE Hours				As of Date: July 2021		
State	Licenses Expire/Renewal Ends	Dentist	Hygienist	Dental Assistant	License Renewal Deadline	State Mandated CE Courses	Notes	Website	
Alabama	1 year	20	12	No CE Requirements	October 1st	DDS & RDH: Infection control, CPR DDS: 2 hours prescribing controlled substances, Dentists who hold an Oral Conscious Sedation Permit must also complete a minimum of 4 hours of CE in the subject of sedation and/or anesthesia	Effective 10/1/16: All license renewal changed from 2 years to 1 year	https://www.dentalboard.org/	
Alaska	2 years	32	20	2	February 28th Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR DDS: Required 2 hours in pain management and opioid misuse and abuse Dental Assistant: 2 CE if they have the restorative function certificate	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cb pl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofDentalExa miners.aspx	
Arizona	3 years	72	54	No CE Requirements	June 30th	DDS: Chemical dependency (which may include tobacco cessation), infection control, CPR, Ethics/Dental Jurisprudence RDH: Chemical dependency, ethics, infection control, CPR	DDS & RDH: 24hrs self-study allowed	https://www.azda.org/ce-events/ce- requirements https://dentalboard.az.gov/	
Arkansas	2 years	50	40	2	January 1st Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: Addiction (Tobacco, Opioid), infection control, CPR DA: Infection control, CPR	DDS & RDH: All self-study DA: Registered Dental Assistant with sedation monitoring permit - at least 4 hours of CEU	https://www.asbde.org/	
California	2 years	50	25 <b>RDHAP:</b> 35	25	Last day of birth month	DDS: Infection control, CA dental practice act, BSL RDH: CPR/BLS, infection control, CA dental practice act DA: 2 hours Infection control, BLS, 2 hours California Dental Practice Act and related regulations	CA has special regulations regarding infection control CE, please check with state board for specific regulations	https://www.dbc.ca.gov/	
Colorado	2 years	30	30	No CE Requirements	February Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: BLS DDS: 1 hr of Substance Use Prevention	At least 50% of the required CE hours must be live and interactive	https://dpo.colorado.gov/Dental/CE	
Connecticut	2 years	25	16	12	October 1st	DDS Mandatory Topics (five hours must be mandatory topics below, the first two topics are REQUIRED every two years):  (1) REQUIRED: Infection Control in a Dental Setting (2) REQUIRED: Prescribing Controlled substances and Pain Management (3) Diagnostic Technology (4) Mental Health Conditions Common to Veterans (5) Access to Care (6) HIPAA Compliance (7) Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse (8) Record Keeping/Risk Management (9) Cultural competence (10) Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (including CPR) RDH: Infection control, Cultural competency	DDS: All self-study RDH: 4 hours of self-study DA: 1 hour of infection control	https://www.csda.com/ce- events/continuingeducation/ce- requirements-tracking	
Delaware	2 years	50	24	No CE Requirements	May 31st	DDS & RDH: Infection Control, Current CPR Certification	DDS: 30 hours self-study RDH: 15 hours self-study	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/dental/	
District of Columbia	2 years	25	15	10	December 31st	DDS & RDH: Infection Control, CPR, Ethics, Cultural Competency, Substance Abuse DA: BLS, 2 hours Infection Control, 1 hour Ethics, 2 hours Cultural Competency	DDS & RDH: No more than 8 hours of internet CEUs allowed.	https://www.dcdental.org/member- center/dentistry-in-the-district	
Florida	2 years	28	22	No CE Requirements	February 28th	DDS: & RDH: CPR 2 hours Medical Errors 2 hours Domestic Violence every third licensure renewal 2 hours HIV/AIDS for first renewal (one-time) 1 hour Human Trafficking (one-time) DDS: 2 hours of Safe & Effective Prescribing of Controlled Substances (Dentists registered with the DEA)	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://floridasdentistry.gov/renewals/	
Georgia	2 years	40	22	No CE Requirements	December 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR DDS: Opioid Abuse	DDS: 20 hours self-study RDH: 11 hours self-study	https://www.gadental.org/	
Hawaii	2 years	38	20	No CE Requirements	December 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS: 6 hours of ethics training included in required number of CEUs, BLS/HCP RDH: 2 hours of ethics training; BLS/HCP	DDS & RDH: 10 hours self-study	http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/dentist/	

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Idaho	2 years	30	24	No CE Requirements	DDS: October 1st Even- Numbered Years RDH: March 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS: Opioid Prescribing RDH: CPR	RDH: Unlimited self-study permitted	https://isbd.idaho.gov/IBODPortal/Home.asp X
Illinois	3 years	48	36	No CE Requirements	<b>DE:</b> September 30th <b>RDH:</b> August	DDS & RDH: Current BLS Certification DDS: Licensees who prescribe controlled substances shall complete 3 hours on safe opioid prescribing practices every renewal period Expanded Function DA: BLS	DDS: 24 hours self-study RDH: 18 hours self-study	http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admin code/068/068012200D04400R.html
Indiana	2 years	20	19	No CE Requirements	March 1st Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: 2 hours Ethics RDH: Current BLS Certification	DDS: 10 hours of self-study; 10 hours live study required RDH: 9.5 hours self study permitted; 9.5 hours live study required	https://www.in.gov/pla/2393.htm
lowa	2 years	30	30	20	August 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR, Infection Control, Iowa Jurisprudence, Abuse Identification every 3 years, 6 hours Sedation if holding a sedation permit DDS: Dentists who prescribe opioids to patients must complete a minimum of 1 hour of Opioids DA: Iowa Jurisprudence, CPR, Infection Control, Child Abuse and Dependent Adult Abuse	DDS, RDH, DA: Self-study limited to 12 hours	https://dentalboard.iowa.gov/
Kansas	2 years	60	30	No CE Requirements	December 1st	DDS & RDH: 4 hours of CPR applies towards CE renewal requirements, BLS/PALS/ACLS DDS: 2 hours of Ethics RDH: 1 hour of Ethics	DDS: If you are a specialist, 40 of the 60 hours, or for first renewal 20 of the 40 hours, must be in your specialty RDH: Unlimited self-study	https://www.dental.ks.gov/renewals
Kentucky	2 years	30	30	No CE Requirements	December 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS: Anesthesia Safety if holding a sedation/anesthesia permit RDH: Nitrous Oxide, Medical Emergencies, Start Intravenous Access Line, Laser Debridement, CPR, HIV/AIDS Registered DA: CPR	DDS: All licensed dentists must complete 3 hours of continuing education that relates to the use of the electronic monitoring system, pain management or addiction disorders (House Bill 1)	https://dentistry.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx
Louisiana	2 years	30	20	No CE Requirements	December 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR, One time requirement - required to register with CE Broker DDS: Opioid Management Expanded Duty DA: BLS	DDS, RDH: Effective January 20, 2018, all CE hours must be clinical in nature. This means all CE must be related to the actual delivery of dental or dental hygiene services directly to the patient.	http://www.lsbd.org/
Maine	2 years	40	30	No CE Requirements	DDS: December 31st Odd-Numbered Years RDH: December 31st Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR required DDS: Prescribing Opioid, Sedation/Anesthesia Expanded Function DA: 50 hours, every 5 years, CPR	DDS & RDH: No limit on distance learning activites with exit examination. 10 hour limit for distance learning activities without exit examination	https://www.maine.gov/dental/index.html
Maryland	2 years	30	30	No CE Requirements	December 31st	DDS & RDH: Required to take a 2 hour course on infection control, 2 hours on abuse and neglect every other renewal cycle. CPR required but does not count as part of 30 hours of CE required.  DDS: Required to complete a 2 hour board certified course on prescribing and disposal of prescription drugs  Dental Radiation Technologist: 2 hours every 2 years, infection control	DDS & RDH: 17 hours of self-study allowed; 8 hours for providing pro-bono volunteer dental services at board approved programs; up to 4 hours for cultural competency	
Massachusetts	2 years	40	20	12	DDS: March 1st Even-Numbered Years RDH: March 1st Odd-Numbered Years DA: October 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CDC Guidelines, CPR/AED or BLS, ACLS or PALS if holding a sedation/anesthesia permit DDS: Dentist who prescribe controlled substances are required to take a course in pain management/controlled substances DA: CPR/AED or BLS, infection control	DDS: 20 hours of self-study RDH: 10 hours of self-study DA: 6 hours of self-study	https://www.mass.gov/service- details/continuing-education-for-dentistry
Michigan	3 years	60	36	<b>RDA:</b> 36	August 31st	DDS & RDH: 1 hour Human Trafficking (one-time), BLS required but does not count as part of CE required, Pain Management RDA: Human Trafficking, 12 hours of clinical	DDS: 20 hours of live; Up to 30 hours online RDH & RDA: 12 hours of live; Up to 18 hours online	https://www.michigandental.org/CE- Courses/CE-Requirements

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Minnesota	2 years	50	25	No CE Requirements	Last day of licensee's birth month	DDS & RDH: Infection Control, Self-Assessment, CPR, 2 different core subjects; Recordkeeping, Ethics, Patient Communication, Management of Medical Emergencies, Diagnosis and Treatment Planning DDS: All dentist licensees who have authority to prescribe controlled substances must obtain two hours on best practices in prescribing opioids and controlled substances LDA: 25 credit hours every 2 years, CPR Dental Assistant: CPR/BLS	DDS: 30 fundamental hours, 20 elective hours RDH: 15 fundamental hours, 10 elective hours LDA: 15 fundamental hours, 10 elective hours	https://mn.gov/boards/dentistry/
Mississippi	2 years	40	20	No CE Requirements	December 31st	DDS, RDH & Dental Assistant: CPR DDS: Dentist who prescribe controlled substances are required to take a course in Prescription of Opioids, ACLS if holding a sedation/anesthesia permit	DDS: 20 clinical hours, 10 hours of self-study RDH: 10 clinical hours, 5 hours of self-study	https://www.dentalboard.ms.gov/msbde/ms bde.nsf
Missouri	2 years	50	30	No CE Requirements	November 30th	DDS & RDH: CPR Expanded-Functions Dental Assistant: 16 hours every 5 years	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://www.pr.mo.gov/dental.asp
Montana	3 years	60	36	No CE Requirements	March 1st	DDS & RDH: BLS/CPR DDS: Anesthesia/Sedation if holding sedation permit DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA): 12 credits annually	DDS & RDH: All self-study	http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/Subchapte rhome.asp?scn=24%2E138.21
Nebraska	2 years	30	30	30	February 28th Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: Anesthesia/Sedation if holding sedation permit, CPR, Substance Abuse	DDS: 10 hours of self-study RDH: 10 hours of self-study	http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Dentistry _aspx
Nevada	1 year	20	15	No CE Requirements	DDS: June 30th Odd-Numbered Years RDH: June 30th Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: Current CPR/ACLS/PALS certificate, Infection Control	DDS & RDH: Up to 50% self-study	http://dental.nv.gov/Licensure/Resources/FA
New Hampshire	2 years	40	20	No CE Requirements	DDS: March 31st Even-Numbered Years RDH: March 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: BLS-HCP, Infection Control, Anesthesia/Sedation if holding sedation permit DDS: Dentist who prescribe controlled substances are required to take a course in Pain Management/Addiction Disorder or a combination EFDA: 10 hours, BLS.	DDS: 30 clinical hours, 10 non-clinical, up to 12 hours self-study, RDH: 15 clinical hours, 5 non-clinical, up to 6 hours self-study	https://www.opic.nh.gov/board-dental- examiners
New Jersey	2 years	40	20	No CE Requirements	October 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR RDA: 10 hours, CPR/ACLS	DDS: 20 hours of self-study, 7 hours max for practice management RDH: 10 hours of self-study	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/den/Pag es/default.aspx
New Mexico	3 years	60	45	30	June 30th	DDS & RDH: CPR/BLS (cannot be online), Infection Control DDS: Dentist who prescribe controlled substances are required to take a course in Pain Management EFDA: 36 hours	DDS: 30 hours of self-study RDH: 30 hours of self-study DA: 30 hours of self-study EFDA: 12 hours of self-study	http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Dental Health Care Requirements and Continuing Education.aspx
New York	3 years	60	24	No CE Requirements	June 30th	DDS: Tobacco Cessation/Oral Cancer (one time), Ethics/Dental Jurisprudence (one time), Child Abuse (one time), Infection Control, CPR RDH: Child abuse (one time), Infection control, CPR	DDS: 18 hours of self-study RDH: 10 hours of self-study	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/dent/dentceq ues.htm
North Carolina	1 year	15	6	No CE Requirements	December 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR Dental Assistant II (DA II): CPR	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://www.ncdentalboard.org/continuing_education.htm
North Dakota	2 years	32	16	No CE Requirements	December 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR, Infection Control, Ethics/Jurisprudence, General Anesthesia if you have a sedation permit RDA/QDA: 16 hours Every Dental Assistant: CPR	DDS: 16 hours of self-study RDH, RDA & QDA: 8 hours of self-study	https://www.nddentalboard.org/practitioner s/CE/index.asp
Ohio	2 years	40	24	No CE Requirements	December 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR, Treating Medically Compromises, Prescriptions/Drugs/Chemical Dependency, Infection Control, Oral Pathology DAMB CDA: 12 credits annually Dental X-Ray Machine Operator: 2 hours, dental radiation technology	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://dental.ohio.gov/Education- Renewal/Continuing-Education
Oklahoma	2 years	40	20	2	June 30th	DDS & RDH: CPR and Ethics DDS: 2 hours of Opioid DA: 2 hours of Infection Control	*Effective January 1, 2020 the reporting period is changing from a 3 year period to a 2 year period for both DDS & RDH.	https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/Continuing Education/index.html

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Oregon	2 years	40	24	No CE Requirements	DDS: March 31st RDH: September 30th	DDS & RDH: Medical Emergencies, Infection Control DDS: Pain Management if licensed by OBD; 2 hours Cultural Competency	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://www.oregon.gov/dentistry/Pages/C E.aspx	
Pennsylvania	2 years	30	20	No CE Requirements	March 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: 2 hours Child Abuse, CPR DDS: 2 hours Pain Management/Opioid Addiction if you have a current DEA registration Expanded Function Dental Assistant: 10 hours every 2 years, CPR	DDS: 15 hours self-study RDH: 10 hours self-study	https://www.padental.org/	
Rhode Island	2 years	40	20	1	April 30th Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CDC Infection Control Guidelines, BLS/CPR/ECC DA: BLS/CPR/ECC; 1 hour of infection control yearly DANB-Certified Assistant: 12 hours annually	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id =251	
South Carolina	2 years	28	14	2	February 28th	DDS: CPR, Sterilization & Infection Control, Prescribing & Monitoring of Control Substance, Anesthesia is holding sedation permit RDH: CPR/ACLS/PALS, Sterilization & Infection Control DA: 2 hours biannually on Sterilization and Infection Control	DDS: 14 hours self-study RDH: 7 hours self-study	https://llr.sc.gov/bod/ce.aspx	
South Dakota	5 years	100	75	60	Not found	DDS: CPR/BLS/PALS, Anesthesia if holding sedation permit RDH: CPR/BLS/PALS, 5 hours Radiography DA: CPR	DDS & RDH: 30 hours of self-study, 15 hours for nutrition, 10 hours for practice management, 15 hours for CPR	https://www.sdboardofdentistry.org/	
Tennessee	2 years	40	30	24	December 31st Even-Numbered Years	DDS: CPR/ACLS, 2 hours Prescribing of Controlled Substance/Chronic Pain Guidelines, Anesthesia if holding sedation permit RDH: CPR, 2 hours Chemical Dependency	DDS: All self-study RDH: 15 hours self-study	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program- areas/health-professional-boards/dentistry- board/dentistry-board/continuing- education.html	
Texas	2 years	24	24	6	Not found	DDS & RDH: CPR, TSBDE Jurisprudence (every 4 years) DDS: 2 hours annually Safe & Effective Pain Management for Patients	DDS & RDH: 8 hours self-study	http://tsbde.texas.gov/licensing/	
Utah	2 years	30	30	No CE Requirements	May 31st Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR/BLS/ACLS/PALS (does not count towards hours) DA: CPR/BLS	DDS & RDH: 15 hours self-study	https://dopl.utah.gov/dental/index.html	
Vermont	2 years	30	18	No CE Requirements	Not found	DDS & RDH: Emergency Office Procedures DA: CPR DANB CDA with state certification and Expanded Function Dental Assistant: 12 hours	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/se ction/26/012/00661	
Virginia	1 year	15	15	No CE Requirements	March 31st	DDS & RDH: BLS/HCP DA: CPR Dental Assistant II: 12 hours annually	DDS & RDH: All self-study	http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Dentistr	
Washington	DDS: 3 years RDH: 1 year	63	15	No CE Requirements	Birthday	DDS: BLS, Dental Jurisprudence, Anesthesia if holding sedation permit RDH: BLS	DDS: There is no limit, but only 30 minutes for every one hour completed counts toward continuing education. Example: You complete 30 hours of continuing education online; you may use 15 hours toward your required 63 hours of continuing education.	https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsa ndCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpd ate/Dentist/ContinuingEducation	
West Virginia	2 years	35	20	No CE Requirements	January 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR, 3 hours of Drug Diversion training, 2 hours on one of 3 (Infection control, oral effects of tobacco, oral effects of substance abuse)	DDS & RDH: 10% of hours self-study	http://www.wvdentalboard.org/	
Wisconsin	2 years	30	12	No CE Requirements	September 30th Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: BLS/CPR, DDS: Prescribing Controlled Substances	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admi n_code/de/13.pdf	
Wyoming	2 years	16	16	No CE Requirements	December 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR DDS: 3 hours Prescribing of Controlled Substances DA: BLS	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://dental.wyo.gov/practitioners/ce	