

Requirements for CE License for Dental Hygienists by State

Alaska:

Cycle length: Every 2 years due Feb. 28th of odd years.

20 Hours per cycle

Self-study permitted – no limit. Teaching credit allowed. 2 hrs of volunteer service permitted as credit.

Special Requirements: CPR (up to 4 hrs.) Maximum of 3 hrs. practice or risk management allowed. Additional 2 hours for Restorative permit

Alabama:

Cycle length: Every 2 years due Oct. 1st. 12 hours a year.

12 hrs. self-study permitted. 8 hrs. of volunteer work at an AL nonprofit permitted (1 credit per 4 hrs.) 4 hrs./year Max. 8hrs CE/day

Special requirements: CPR max. every 4 years. 2 hrs. infectious disease control. Max. 6 hrs. of practice mgmt. permitted. Max. 8 hrs. insurance, gov. relations, tort liability, and risk mgmt. permitted.

Arkansas:

Cycle Length: Every 2 years. January 1st of even number years.

40 hours required per cycle.

Self-study permitted. No limit. Post-test required. Credit for teaching in dental/dental hygiene/dental assisting program. 6 hrs. credit for publishing papers. Off-campus clinical supervisors/clinical instruction supervisors in a CODA accredited program may receive 1 CE per 8 hrs. of supervision.

Special requirements: CPR. and 1 hr. of infection control.

Arizona:

Cycle Length: 3 years

Renewal Date: Licensee's birthdate

54 hours required each cycle

Self-study and volunteer credits:

Min. 31 hours in Dental and medical health, and dental hygiene services, periodontal disease, care of implants, maintenance of cosmetic restorations and sealants, radiology safety and techniques, managing medical emergencies, pain management, dental recordkeeping, dental public health, and new concepts in dental hygiene

Special Requirements and Reporting Criteria:

3 hrs. CPR health care provider/ 3 hrs. infectious disease/ 3 hrs. chemical dependency/ tobacco cessation/ ethics/risk management or jurisprudence. Max. 14 hrs. in dental hygiene practice organization and mgmt., patient mgmt. skills, and methods of health care delivery

California:

Cycle length: 2 years

License renewal: last of birth month

Hours required each cycle: 25 (RDHAP: 35)

Self-study and volunteer credits:

12 ½ hrs. self-study permitted. Up to 5 hrs. non-clinical topics.

Participation as WREB examiner or site-visitor.

Special Requirements and Reporting Criteria:

CPR/BLS (max 4hrs.)2 hrs. infection control.2 hrs. CA Dental Practice Act

Colorado:

Cycle Length: 2 years

Renewal Date: February of even years

Hours/Cycle: 30

Self-study/Volunteer Credits:

16 of 30 hours must be clinical or science based. 50% of hours must be live and interactive. Can receive max of 6 hours for presenting.

Special Requirements and reporting: BLS (basic life support) – maximum of 2 hrs.

Connecticut:

Cycle Length: 1 year

License Renewal: 1st birth month following initial license. Yearly.

Hours per cycle: 16 hours

Self-study/Volunteer Credits: Self-study permitted

Special Requirements and reporting:

Self-study no limit. 8 hours of volunteer practice at a public health facility may be substituted for 1 hour of CE. Max 5 hours per 2-year period."

1 hr. minimum of infection control: 1 hr. minimum of Cultural Competency

Washington D.C.

Cycle Length: 2 yrs.

License Renewal: December 31st of odd years.

Hours per cycle: 20

Self-Study/Volunteer Credits:

Up to 8 hrs. self-study permitted. Credit permitted for presenting or instructing course, publishing book or research.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria:

CPR - 2 hrs. Infection control - 2 hrs. cultural competency - 1 hr. ethics.

Delaware:

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: May 31st of even years

Hours per cycle: 24

Self-Study/ Volunteer credits:

Up to 5 hrs. self-study permitted without test; 10 hrs. self-study with test. Max 5 hrs. a year for teaching. Max 5 hrs. a year for presenting. 12 hours for publishing in a scientific journal. Practice management/personal self-improvement limited to 5 hrs. over the 2 years.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria:

CPR required. 2 hours required for infection control

Florida:

Cycle Length: 2 yrs.

License renewal: February of even years

Hours per cycle: 24

Self-study/Volunteer credits:

Board-approved self-study permitted. Credit for volunteer services; teaching in accredited programs; participation in board disciplinary/ peer review in proceedings.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria:

Must have a current CPR LIVE certification. 2 hrs. domestic violence every 3rd biennium. 2 hrs. medical error.

Georgia:

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: December of odd years.

Hours per cycle: 22

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits:

Self-study permitted. At least 15 hrs. must be scientifically based.

Can receive 1 hr. per 4 hrs. of uncompensated indigent care.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR up to 4 hrs.

Hawaii

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: December of odd years

Hours per cycle: 20

Self-study/ Volunteer credits: Up to 8 hrs. of self-study permitted. Min. 11 hrs. of clinical courses. Max. 4 hrs. volunteering.

Special Requirements and Reporting Criteria:

BLS/CPR (max. 4 hrs., does not count towards clinical courses.) Ethics (2 hrs.)

Iowa

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: August 31st of odd years

Hours per cycle: 30

Self-study/ volunteer credits: Up to 12 hrs., self-study permitted

Special Requirements and Reporting Criteria: CPR (up to 3 hrs.) Abuse identification/reporting (every 3 years) Infection control (1 hr.) Jurisprudence (1 hr.)

Idaho

Cycle Length: 2 yrs.

License Renewal: March 31 of odd years

Hours per cycle: 30

Self-study/ volunteer credits: Unlimited self-study. Up to 10 hours volunteer credits.

Special Requirements and Reporting Criteria: CPR (See ID new admin rules here: [Phase 1 of DOPL's New Licensing system is now Online | Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses \(idaho.gov\)](#))

Illinois

Cycle Length: 3 years

License Renewal: September 30th every 3 years

Hours per cycle: 36

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: No more than 50% correspondence courses. No more than 50% through teaching CE courses. Up to 2 hrs. presenting volunteer community oral health education programs.

Special requirements and reporting criteria: CPR, Sexual harassment (1 hr), Implicit bias (1 hr)

Indiana

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: March 1st of even years

Hours per cycle: 19

Self-study/ volunteer credits: Up to 9.5 hrs. self-study or distance learning permitted. 9.5 hrs. live study required. No more than 5 hours on practice management.

Special requirements and reporting criteria:

CPR (up to 2 hrs.) 2 hrs. Law & Ethics

Kansas

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: December 1st even numbered years for even numbered licenses. Odd numbered years for odd numbered licenses.

Hours per cycle: 30 hours

Self-study/ volunteer credits: Unlimited self-study permitted. Max 10 hrs. for presenting, lecturing, teaching.

Special requirements and reporting criteria: CPR (up to 4 hrs. towards CE) 1 hr. ethics

Kentucky

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: December 31st of even years

Hours per cycle: 30

Self-study/ volunteer credits: Up to 10 hrs. of self-study permitted. All public health RDHs must complete 5 CE hours in the area of public health or public health dentistry

Special requirements and reporting criteria: CPR (does not count toward hours) Min. 3 hrs. of medical emergency CE for RDH w/general supervision privileges and public health RDHs.

Louisiana

Cycle length: 2 years

License Renewal: December 31st every year.

Hours per cycle: 20

Self-study/ volunteer credits: 12 hrs. of personally attended clinical courses 8 hrs. of clinical courses may be done online or via correspondence if they require post-course exam. No more than 4 hours per biennial for pro bono treatment of donated dental service patient

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR (required for general supervision up to 3 hrs. credit)

Massachusetts

Cycle Length: 2 yrs

License Renewal: March 31st of odd years

Hours per cycle: 20

Self-study/ Volunteer credits: Up to 10 hrs. self-study permitted. Max of 5 hours as faculty member or research appointee at a CODA approved school. Max of 10 hours for publications and presentations. Max 3 hrs. for pro-bono service. Max 2 hrs. for non-clinical practice-related courses.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR and Infection Control.

Maryland

Cycle Length: 2 Years

License Renewal: Between May 1 and June 30. For licenses ending in odd numbers, renew on odd years. For licenses ending in even numbers, renew on even years.

Hours per cycle: 30

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 17 hrs. self-study permitted. Up to 8 hrs. voluntary dental hygiene service permitted.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR, Infection control (2 hrs.) Abuse and neglect up to 2 hrs. (every other cycle). Implicit Bias (one time)

Maine

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: January 1st odd years

Hours per cycle: 30 hrs.

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 10 hours self-study permitted.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR (up to 3 hours).

Michigan

Cycle length: 3 years

License Renewal: August 31st

Hours per cycle: 36 hours

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 10 hrs. self-study permitted. Up to 25 hrs. for publications. 12 of 36 hours must be live attendance. Up to 12 hrs. volunteer services

Special requirements and reporting criteria: CPR 12 hrs. Must be clinical. Infection control (1 hr.) Pain Management (2 hrs.) Human trafficking (one time) Implicit Bias (1 hr.) Ethics & Jurisprudence (1 hr)

Minnesota

Cycle length: 2 years

License Renewal: End of birth month in even or odd years (depending on what year you were born)

Hours per cycle: 25

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: 10 hrs. elective (self-study and volunteer activities) permitted. 15 hrs. fundamentals required.

Special Requirements and Reporting Criteria: CPR and Infection Control

Missouri

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: November of even years

Hours per cycle: 30

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Unlimited self-study permitted. 25 hrs. directly related to the updating and maintaining of knowledge and skills in the treatment, health, and safety of the individual dental patient. 1 hr. CE for every 1 hr. of academic/clinical instruction. 10 hr./year for full-time academic instructors. 5 hr./year for part-time academic instructors. Up to 16 hours for presenting.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR

Mississippi

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: October 31st

Hours per cycle: 20

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 5 hrs. self-study permitted. Live, interactive webinars with post-test are exempt from self-study limit.

Special Requirements and Reporting Criteria: CPR (Up to 4 hrs. Up to 8 hrs. advanced CPR)

Montana

Cycle Length: 3 years

License Renewal: March, yearly

Hours per cycle: 36

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Credit for presentation of CE courses. Up to 3.5 hrs. for volunteering.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR

North Carolina

Cycle Length: 1 year

License Renewal: January, yearly.

Hours per cycle: 6

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Unlimited self-study allowed. 2-4 hours for teaching faculty.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR

North Dakota

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: December of odd years

Hours per cycle: 16

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 8 hrs. self-study permitted. Credit for publications, seminars, symposiums, lectures, college courses.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR Infection control (2 hrs.) 2 hrs. of ethics or jurisprudence. 2 hrs. in sedation if you hold an anesthesia permit. 2 hrs. restorative if you hold a restorative permit

Nebraska

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: March of odd years

Hours per cycle: 30

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 10 hrs. home study permitted; Up to 2 hrs. each as a table clinician or lecturer or for direct clinical observation; Up to 4 hrs. each for CPR recertification or practice management; Up to 5 hrs. for faculty overseeing student dental hygiene or expanded function dental hygiene clinics, dental public health CE activities, well-being, or substance abuse CE activities or ethics and professionalism CE; Minimum of 2 hrs. in infection control required; Minimum of 2 hrs. in each area for which a licensee holds an expanded function permit; Maximum of 5 hrs. for participating in a volunteer activity such as Mission of Mercy or equivalent.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR and Infection Control – 2 hrs. minimum.

New Hampshire

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: March 31st of odd years

Hours per cycle: 20

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 4 hrs. self-study permitted. Minimum of 15 hrs. of clinical subjects.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR (up to 3 hrs. every biennium) Minimum of 2 hours infection control.

New Jersey

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: December of every odd year

Hours per cycle: 20 hrs.

Self-study/ Volunteer credits: Up to 10 hrs. self-study permitted. Up to 4 hrs. for teaching.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR (3 hrs.) Infection control (1 hr.) Ethics and Law (1 hr.) Opioids (1 hr.)

New Mexico

Cycle Length: 3 years

License Renewal: June 30th

Hours per cycle: 45

Self-study/ Volunteer credits: Up to 30 hrs. of self-study permitted

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR/BLS Infection control

Nevada

Cycle Length: 2 yrs.

License Renewal: June of even years

Hours per cycle: 30 hrs.

Self-study/ Volunteer credits: 50% of credits (15 hours) permitted to be self-study; 6 hrs. in non-profit settings with 3 hrs. in volunteer services

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: Bioterrorism course required within 2 yrs. of initial licensure; 4 hrs. in infection control; CPR

New York:

Cycle Length: 3 years

License Renewal: Staggered. 3 years from when you were first licensed.

Hours per cycle: 24 hours

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 10 hrs. self-study permitted. Up to 7 hrs. for teaching CE courses.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: Child Abuse and Infection Control taken with NYS requirements. See the state board website.

Ohio

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: December of odd years

Hours per cycle: 20 hours

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Supervised self-instruction permitted.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: BLS; A maximum of 2 hrs. of CE for table clinics (original presentation of or documented viewing of table clinic at a professional meeting)

Oklahoma

Cycle Length: 2 yrs.

License Renewal: December 31st

Hours per cycle: 20 hours

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 10 hrs. self-study permitted. Up to 4 hours for volunteering. Max 2 hrs. for practice management

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR and Ethics.

Oregon

Cycle Length: 2 yrs.

License Renewal: September 30th on even or odd years/ when you started

Hours per cycle: 24

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Unlimited self-study permitted. Post-test required. Research, graduate study, teaching or preparation and presentation of scientific sessions permitted (max. 6 hrs. in teaching or scientific sessions). Max. 6 hrs. of volunteer hygiene services in OR. Max. 6 hrs. of community oral health instruction at a public health facility in OR. Max. 6 hrs. for authorship of a publication, book, chapter of a book, article or paper published in a professional journal. Max. 6 hrs. for participation on a state dental board, peer review, or quality of care review procedures. Max. 6 hrs. for test development for clinical dental hygiene examinations.

Special requirements and reporting criteria: CPR Medical emergencies (3 hrs.) Max. 6 hrs. Dental Hygiene Examination, taken after initial licensure. Infection control (2 hrs.) Cultural competency (2 hrs.) Max 2 hrs. on patient relations and practice management. Additional required classes for NO certificate holders.

Pennsylvania

Cycle Length: 2 years

License renewal: March of odd years

Hours per cycle: 20

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 10 hrs. self-study permitted. 50% must be in lecture or clinical presentations. Credit for instructors and authors

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR Max 3 hours on communication skills. Child abuse recognition and reporting (2 hrs.). If DH holds a local anesthesia permit, they must complete 3 CE hours in this subject.

Rhode Island:

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: April of even years.

Hours per cycle: 20

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Self-study permitted. Credit for teaching and community service.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: BLS Infection Control (1 hr. every year)

South Carolina

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: December of even years

Hours per cycle: 14

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 7 hours self-study permitted.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR, Sterilization, and Infection Control.

South Dakota

Cycle Length: 5 years

License Renewal: June 31st

Hours per cycle: 75

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 30 hrs. self-study permitted. Credit for research, graduate study, teaching, or service as a clinician. Up to 15 hrs. nutrition Up to 10 hrs. practice management

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR (up to 15 hrs. every 5 yrs.) 5 hrs. of dental radiography every 5 yrs. (Max of 20 hrs.)

Tennessee

Cycle Length: 2 years

License Renewal: Last day of the month of birth month of licensee

Hours per cycle: 30

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 15 hrs. self-study permitted. Credit for authorship and presenting.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR. 2 hrs. of chemical dependency.

Texas

Cycle length: 2 yrs.

License Renewal: Biennial and staggered

Hours per cycle: 24

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 8 hrs. self-study permitted. Up to 8 hrs. risk management. Min. 16hrs. related to clinical care.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria. CPR and OSHA do not count towards CE. Jurisprudence is required every 4 years.

Utah

Cycle Length: 2 yrs.

License renewal: May of even years

Hours per cycle: 30

Self-study/ Volunteer Credits: Up to 15 hrs. self-study permitted (or online CE). Up to 10 hrs. for teaching CE.

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR (does not count towards CE).

Virginia

Cycle Length: 1 yr.

License renewal: Birth month

Hours per cycle: 15

Self-study/ Volunteer credits: Unlimited self-study permitted. 2 hours of volunteer time allowed

Special Requirements and reporting criteria: CPR If Dental Hygienist monitors patients under sedation, they require 4 hours of CE in this area every 2 years.

Vermont

Cycle Length: 2 yrs

License renewal: September of odd years

Hours per cycle: 18

Self-study/ Volunteer credits: Self-study permitted. 15 hrs. must be clinical or instructive in their subject areas.

Special requirements and reporting criteria: Emergency office preparedness.

Washington

Cycle Length: 1 yr.

License renewal: Birthdate each year

Hours per cycle: 15

Self-study/ Volunteer credits: 5 hrs. self-study permitted. Max 10 hrs. for preparing/lecturing for educators or CE providers. Max 5 hrs. practice management. Max 5 hrs. volunteering.

Special requirements and reporting criteria: CPR and BLS (Basic Life Saving).

Wisconsin

Cycle Length: 2 yrs

License renewal: Sept. 30th of odd years

Hours per cycle: 12

Self-study/ Volunteer credits: Unlimited self-study permitted. Credit for teaching. 1 credit hour of college level courses is equivalent to 6 hours of CE.

Special requirements and reporting criteria: CPR (up to 2 hrs.) Min. 2 hrs. of infection control.

West Virginia

Cycle length: 1 yr.

License renewal: February 1st, yearly

Hours per cycle: 20 hrs. over 2 years.

Self-study/ Volunteer credits: Up to 16 hrs. supervised self-study permitted.
Up to 2 hrs. unsupervised self-study permitted.

Special requirements and reporting criteria: CPR/ Infection control or tobacco or substance abuse for up to 2 hours.

Wyoming:

Cycle length: 2 yrs.

License renewal: December 31st

Hours per cycle: 16

Self-study/ Volunteer credits: Practice building, and business management do not count. Courses must be clinical in nature.

Special requirements and reporting criteria: CPR/ BLS required but does not count toward your CE credits.

