

Summary of Colorado Dental Continuing Education Requirements
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Mandatory Continuing Education (Rule III G)

- **Effective date 3/01/2016 *The first 30 hours would need to be completed between 3/1/2016 and 2/28/2018***
- 30 hours of Board approved continuing education during the 2 years preceding the next renewal period. Continuing education hours may only be applied to the renewal period in which they were completed.
- If a license is issued within 1 year of a renewal date, no continuing education will be required for that first renewal period. If a license is issued outside of 1 year of a renewal date, then 15 hours of Board approved continuing education will be required for that first renewal period.
- At least 16 of the required 30 hours must be clinical or science based.
- At least 50% of the required 30 hours must be live and interactive. (This includes in-person CE or LIVE webinars. Pre recorded webinars are excluded from this requirement.)
- Current Basic Life Support (BLS) for healthcare providers is required and all licensees will receive a maximum of 2 hours continuing education credit per renewal cycle for completing. The Board automatically accepts any BLS course or program recognized by any of the following organizations (or a successor organization) or trainers certified/recognized by the:
 - a. American Heart Association;
 - b. American Safety and Health Institute; or
 - c. American Red Cross.
- Accepted CE courses for dental hygienists are those sponsored or recognized by:
 - American Dental Association (ADA) Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP),
 - Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition,
 - Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE),
 - American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Recognition Award (PRA) and credit system as Category 1 Credit,
 - Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited institutions.
 - The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) and its constituents and component societies, or
 - Local, state, regional, national, or international dental, dental hygiene, dental assisting, medical related professional organization, or study group that have a sound scientific basis, proven efficacy, and ensure public safety.
- A presenter of a course may submit the course hours he or she presented, up to 6 total credits, towards his or her continuing education requirement. The course presented may only be counted once.
- Licensees may be subject to an audit to verify compliance at the conclusion of each renewal period and shall assist the Board in its audit by providing timely and complete responses to the Board's inquiries. Proof of hours will be requested on a random audit basis only.
- A licensee must maintain copies of all completed Board approved coursework, including any certificates of completion, for at least 2 renewal periods after the continuing education was completed. The records shall document the licensee's course attendance and participation, and shall include at a minimum course sponsor, title, date(s), hours, and the course verification of completion certificate or form.