

Colorado CE Requirements for RDH

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Overview



AT LEAST 50% "LIVE AND INTERACTIVE". AT LEAST 16 HOURS "CLINICAL OR SCIENCE-BASED"



MAKE SURE COURSES ARE FROM AN ACCEPTED SOURCE



RENEWAL HAPPENS IN FEBRUARY OF EVEN YEARS

Where do I find the CE requirements?

Colorado Dental Board Rules and Regulations

- Download the document at www.codha.org/legislative-info or from the [Colorado Dental Board website](#)

CODHA Fact Sheet

- Also available at www.codha.org/legislative-info

Summary of CE requirements

- 30 hours every 2 years
- At least 50% have to be “live and interactive”
 - Includes in-person courses and LIVE webinars
 - Does NOT include on-demand/pre-recorded webinars
- At least 16 hours have to be “clinical or science-based” (does not mean hands-on)
- BLS for Healthcare providers can count for a maximum of 2 hours per renewal cycle
- Academic credit hours from CODA accredited programs count for CE
 - CODA accredited programs would include Bachelor’s completion programs in dental hygiene, Master’s or PhD programs in dental hygiene, or dental school.
 - Ratio is 1 academic credit = 10 hours of CE

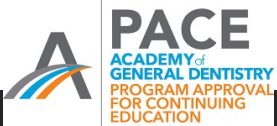
What's are the accepted sources for CE?

Make sure that your CE courses are accepted by the Colorado Dental Board

- Look for the logos below
- Ensure that the course provider fits into one of the categories below

The Colorado Dental Board accepts the following sources for CE for dental hygienists:

- American Dental Association (ADA) Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP)
- 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
 - Includes courses approved through CODHA
- Local, state, regional, national, or international dental, dental hygiene, dental assisting, medical related professional organization, or study group that has a sound scientific basis, proven efficacy, and ensures public safety.
 - General "catch-all" category. Must be able to defend that a course you took would fit into this category if not approved through one of the other agencies



What cycle do the hours count for?

- Hours count only for the cycle during which they were completed
 - Hours can not be “rolled over”
- Cycles go from March 1 of even year to end of February of the following even year
 - Current cycle is March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2022

How do I submit my hours?

- When you renew your license, you will be required to attest that you have completed the required hours
- You do not have to submit proof of your CE unless selected for a random audit by the Colorado Dental Board
 - If audited, you will be contacted by the Colorado Dental Board following license renewal
- You must retain records of your CE for “at least two renewal cycles”

Reminder:
CE codes alone do NOT
count as proof of CE

You MUST obtain a CE certificate as proof of CE

- If you take a CE course that gives you a code at the end, that is NOT your proof of completion
- Most courses and/or conferences have a survey or portal where you need to submit the code for each course
- After submitting the codes, you will either be sent a CE certificate OR you will be able to access and print the CE certificate through the online portal

CE certificates must include:

- Course sponsor
- Title
- Date(s)
- Hours
- Whether course was live or on-demand

Is OSHA training required?

- Although not specifically mentioned in Rule 1.6.G. regarding continuing education, [OSHA training](#) IS required for all licensees
- Rule 1.16 states that all licensees must follow the [OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard](#) which states:
 - Anyone at risk of exposure must be trained at the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place; and at least annually thereafter.
 - Such training must be provided at no cost to the employee and during working hours.
 - An opportunity for interactive questions and answers with the person conducting the training session.
 - The person conducting the training shall be knowledgeable in the subject matter covered by the elements contained in the training program as it relates to the workplace that the training will address. The trainer must demonstrate expertise in the area of occupational hazards of bloodborne pathogens.