



UPDATED CE REQUIREMENTS FOR CT DENTAL PROFESSIONALS

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CE Requirements for CT Dentists

The State of Connecticut mandates that licensed dentists earn a minimum of 25 hours of CE credit every two years commencing on the first date of license renewal. Of those 25 total hours, one hour must be on the topic of "Infection Control in a Dental Setting" and one hour must be on the topic of "Prescribing Controlled Substances and Pain Management". Three additional hours of training must be obtained by an approved CE Provider in any of these eight topical areas:

- Diagnostic Technology
- Mental Health Conditions Common to Veterans
- Access to Care
- HIPAA Compliance
- Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse
- Record Keeping/Risk Management
- Cultural Competence
- Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office
(including current training in CPR)

The remaining 20 hours can be any combination of elective credits offered by an approved provider in areas related to the licensee's practice and reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public. *Internet-based, online and other distance learning opportunities are acceptable.*

CE Requirements for CT Dental Assistants

In the fall of 2016, the CT legislature passed a law that requires dental assistants or expanded function dental assistants to successfully complete the Dental Assisting National Board's (DANB) infection control examination by July 1, 2018.

UPDATED DEADLINE:

- Current Connecticut dental assistants who have not passed the DANB Infection Control Exam prior to July 1, 2018 have until April 1, 2019 (nine months) to receive on the job training by a licensed dentist to prepare for and pass the exam.
- New Connecticut dental assistants hired after July 1, 2018 have nine months from the start of employment to receive on the job training by a licensed dentist to prepare for and pass the exam, if they have not done so already.
- Upon successful completion of the exam, each dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant shall complete no less than one hour of training or education in "Infection Control in a Dental Setting" every two years.

No licensed dentist may delegate dental procedures to a dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant unless the dental assistant provides a record demonstrating successful completion of the DANB infection control examination. In addition, any licensed dentist who delegates dental procedures to a dental assistant shall retain and make records available for inspection upon request of the Department of Public Health.

Please visit www.ct.gov/dph for additional information as it pertains to licensing.

CE Requirements for CT Hygienists

The State of Connecticut mandates that licensed hygienists earn a minimum of 16 hours of CE credit every two years commencing on the first date of license renewal.

For registration periods beginning on and after October 1, 2016, each dental hygienist must complete at least one hour of training or education in "Infection Control in a Dental Setting".

For registration periods beginning on and after October 1, 2017, each dental hygienist must complete at least one hour of training or education in "Cultural Competency".

The remaining 14 hours can be any combination of elective credits offered by approved providers. The subject matter for continuing education shall reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public. Continuing education activities shall provide significant theoretical or practical content directly related to clinical or scientific aspects of dental hygiene. *Not more than four hours of continuing education may be earned through an on-line or other distance learning program.*

The CSDA will be offering several of the mandated topics during our 154th Annual Charter Oak Dental Meeting being held May 8 - 10 at Mohegan Sun. Complete details coming soon! Visit CSDA.com

