

## Professional Development Requirements

| License type                                                                      | Minimum fundamental hours | Maximum elective hours | Total hours |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Dentist, full faculty dentist, specialty dentist, guest dentist, dental therapist | 30                        | 20                     | 50          |
| Dental hygienist, guest hygienist, dental assistant, guest dental assistant       | 15                        | 10                     | 25          |
| LGL (in a 3-year period)                                                          | 45                        | 30                     | 75          |
| Emeritus Active: Dentist, Dental Therapy                                          | 15                        | 10                     | 25          |
| Emeritus Active: Hygienist, Dental Assistant                                      | 7                         | 6                      | 13          |

### Fundamental courses: content directly related to dentistry

- Examples:
  - Recordkeeping
  - Ethics
  - Patient communication
  - Management of medical emergencies
  - Diagnosis and treatment planning
  - HIPAA
  - Infection control (mandatory)
  - Online courses or home-study (must include a post-test)
  - Lectures, symposiums, or seminars
  - Study clubs
  - College courses (5 credits per college course, maximum of 15 credits per cycle)

**Sedation Dentists (mandatory)** who hold a conscious sedation or general anesthesia certificate must earn at least **15 additional hours** of professional development in any of the following areas:

- moderate sedation or general anesthesia and deep sedation;
- medications and physical evaluation;
- anesthesia emergencies and complications;
- monitoring equipment and monitoring during anesthesia;
- pharmacology of anesthetic drugs;
- infection control related to anesthesia procedures; and
- simulation courses involving anesthesia emergencies
- Sedation certificate holders and staff that participate in their sedation inspection are granted 2 credits for the activity
- Active sedation inspectors receive 5 elective credits per cycle

**Dental School or Allied Dental Program Instructors** receive the following credits per cycle automatically:

- Full time instructors
- Faculty, Dental (general and specialty), and Dental Therapy: 15 credits
- Hygienists and Assistants: 10 credits
- Part time instructors: 5 credits

**Jurisprudence exam** (5 credits for completing the exam, allowed once per cycle) **Not applicable for reinstatement.**

*All credits for Professional Development may be earned in the Fundamental course category.*

**Elective Courses:** content directly or indirectly related to dentistry

- Self-study
- List of readings related to dentistry
- Publications you have written related to dentistry
- Dental Research
- Health and Wellness
- Dental related community service
- Instructing dental continuing education courses
- General attendance at state or national conventions (3 credits)

**Elective Courses not accepted:**

- Estate planning
- Financial planning
- Marketing
- Investing

### **Infection control**

Each licensee must complete an infection control course during each biennial cycle period. The course must primarily address patient safety and health issues as referenced in part [3100.6300](#) and chapter [6950](#).

### **Retention of documentation**

Each licensee shall establish a portfolio to record, monitor, and retain documentation of fundamental and elective professional development activities.

A licensee must keep documentation for each fundamental and elective activity as required to meet professional development requirements. The licensee must retain the documentation for the current biennial renewal cycle and the previous completed biennial cycle for purposes of an audit by the board.

See **Professional Development Rules** [3100.5100](#)

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