Section 1016. Providers and Courses.
(a) Definition of Terms:
(1) Course of Study Defined. "Course of study" means an orderly learning experience in an area of study pertaining to dental and medical health, preventive dental services, diagnosis and treatment planning, clinical procedures, basic health sciences, dental practice management and administration, communication, ethics, patient management or the Dental Practice Act and other laws specifically related to dental practice.
(2) Coursework Defined. The term "Coursework" used herein refers to materials presented or used for continuing education and shall be designed and delivered in a manner that serves to directly enhance the licensee's knowledge, skill and competence in the provision of service to patients or the community.
(b) Courses of study for continuing education credit shall include:
(1) Mandatory courses required by the Board for license renewal to include a Board-approved course in Infection Control, a Board-approved course in the California Dental Practice Act and completion of certification in Basic Life Support.
(A) At a minimum, course content for a Board-approved course in Infection Control shall include all content of Section 1005 and the application of the regulations in the dental environment.
(B) At a minimum, course content for the Dental Practice Act [Division 2, Chapter 4 of the Code (beginning with §1600)] shall instruct on acts in violation of the Dental Practice Act and attending regulations, and other statutory mandates relating to the dental practice. This includes utilization and scope of practice for auxiliaries and dentists; laws governing the prescribing of drugs; citations, fines, revocation and suspension of a license, and license renewal; and the mandatory reporter obligations set forth in the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (Penal Code Section 11164 et seq.) and the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 15600 et seq.) and the clinical signs to look for in identifying abuse.
(C) The mandatory requirement for certification in Basic Life Support shall be met by completion of either:
(i) An American Heart Association (AHA) or American Red Cross (ARC) course in Basic Life Support (BLS) or,
(ii) A BLS course taught by a provider approved by the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) or the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE).
For the purposes of this section, a Basic Life Support course shall include all of the following:
1. Instruction in both adult and pediatric CPR, including 2-rescuer scenarios;
2. Instruction in foreign-body airway obstruction;
3. Instruction in relief of choking for adults, child and infant;
4. Instruction in the use of automated external defibrillation with CPR; and;
5. A live, in-person skills practice session, a skills test and a written examination;
The course provider shall ensure that the course meets the required criteria.

CONTINUING EDUCATION
The provider giving the courses must be registered with the Dental Board for the courses to be approved. Each individual course is not approved by the Board. If you have questions about whether the provider has a current registration with the Board, call (916) 263-2300, or search using the Approved Provider Lookup.

• Continuing Education (CE) Requirements: Licensees/Permittees renewing for the first time are exempt from CE requirements. The minimum requirement for each renewal period after the first renewal is 25 hours of continuing education, including:
  ◦ Basic Life Support (maximum credit allowed is 4 CE units)
  • Shall be met by completion of a American Heart Association or American Red Cross Course in Basic Life Support, or a BLS course taught by a provider approved by the American Dental Association’s Continuing Education Recognition Program or the Academy of General Dentistry’s Program Approval for Continuing Education.
  • Online CPR course will not be accepted for Basic Life Support requirement.
  ◦ 2 hours of California Infection Control
  ◦ 2 hours of California Dental Practice Act

• Note: Infection Control and California Dental Practice Act may be taken online by an approved provider. No more than 12.5 CE hours can be completed through home study or other non-live instruction. Interactive courses such as live videoconferencing, live lecture and live workshop demonstrations may be used for all of the required units except for Basic Life Support course.
Please be advised that the Dental Board of California does not maintain or track individual licensee’s CE units. In accordance with Title 16 California Code of Regulations Sections 1016 and 1017, you are required to maintain CE records for a period of three (3) renewal periods (6 years).

The Dental Board of California conducts random CE audits. If you are audited, you will be required to provide photocopies of your CE certificates. **Do not send original CE certificates unless specifically requested by the Board.**

If you want to complete an **out-of-state CE course** as part of your 25 hours, you must submit an [application](#) for approval via mail to the Dental Board Dental Board of California, Attn: Dental Assisting Program at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550, Sacramento, CA 95815.