



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA

24.138.2110 CONTINUING EDUCATION

- (1) Licensees must obtain the following continuing education (CE) hours per three-year cycle with a starting date of 2015, prior to renewal:
 - (a) 60 hours for dentists. If a dentist also holds an anesthesia permit, the dentist must obtain as part of the 60 hours the following anesthesia-specific education:
 - (i) 20 hours for deep sedation/general anesthesia; or
 - (ii) 12 hours for moderate sedation.
 - (b) 36 hours for dental hygienists:
 - (i) three hours of fluoride agents, topical oral anesthetics, or nonsystemic oral antimicrobials for dental hygienists who qualify for limited prescriptive authority under 37-4-401, MCA; and
 - (ii) 12 additional hours for dental hygienists with a limited access permit.
 - (c) 36 hours for denturists.
- (2) Continuing education requirements do not apply until a licensee's first full year of licensure.
- (3) Board/staff will not preapprove CE programs or sponsors. Licensees must select quality programs that:
 - (a) contribute to professional knowledge and competence;
 - (b) contain significant intellectual or practical content; and
 - (c) are germane to the licensed profession.
- (4) All licensees shall affirm an understanding of their recurring duty to comply with CE requirements as part of annual license renewal.
- (5) Licensees must maintain CE documentation and make the documentation available upon request. Documentation must include:
 - (a) licensee name;
 - (b) presenter or sponsor;
 - (c) course title and/or description of content;
 - (d) course date(s); and
 - (e) number of CE hours earned.

- (6) Licensees found to be in noncompliance with CE requirements may be subject to administrative suspension. Licensees may not apply CE hours used to complete delinquent CE requirements for the next education reporting period.
- (7) Any CE hours required by disciplinary order do not apply toward hours required cyclically.
- (8) The department, with respect to any CE audit it performs, shall determine the percentage to audit based on a statistically relevant sampling of the total number of licensees and the compliance rate of past audits.
- (9) In addition to the continuing education requirements above, all licensees shall maintain a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), or pediatric advanced life support (PALS) card. Internet courses will be accepted if a hands-on evaluation of clinical competency is also included.
- (10) One-time credit for first-time preparation and teaching of a program which meets the criteria in (3) qualifies for the number of hours granted to individuals who take the program.

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Implementing statute(s): 37-1-131, 37-1-306, MCA

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