

**481—573.3(153) Acceptable programs and activities.**

**573.3(1)** A continuing education activity is deemed to be acceptable if it meets the following criteria:

*a.* It constitutes an organized program of learning that contributes directly to the professional competency of the licensee or registrant and is of value to dentistry, is applicable to oral health care, or otherwise pertains to patient care;

*b.* It pertains to common subjects or other subject matters that relate to the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assisting and that are intended to review or update knowledge of new or existing concepts and techniques and enhance the dental health of the public; and

*c.* It is developed or conducted by individuals who have sufficient education, training and experience to be knowledgeable in the subject matter. Continuing education activities that are developed or approved for continuing education credit by a nationally recognized organization, such as the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry or another dental specialty organization, would meet these criteria.

**573.3(2)** Types of activities acceptable for continuing dental education credit include:

*a.* A dental science course that includes topics that address the clinical practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, dental assisting and dental public health.

*b.* Courses pertaining to the practice of dentistry that include areas such as recordkeeping, medical conditions that may have an effect on oral health, ergonomics related to clinical practice, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), risk management, sexual boundaries, communication with patients, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations, and the discontinuation of practice related to the transition of patient care and patient records.

*c.* Sessions attended at a convention-type meeting that includes a variety of concurrent educational experiences directly related to the practice of dentistry. Attendees at a multiday convention may receive a maximum of 1.5 hours of credit per day with the maximum of 6 hours of credit allowed per biennium.

(1) Attendance of table clinic sessions will result in two hours of credit as verified by the sponsor, provided the subject matter conforms to this chapter.

(2) Presentation of an original table clinic session will result in four hours of continuing education credit as verified by the sponsor, provided the subject matter conforms to this chapter.

*d.* Postgraduate study relating to health sciences, which will result in 15 hours of continuing education per semester.

*e.* Successful completion of a recognized specialty examination or the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) examination, which will result in 15 hours of continuing education credit.

*f.* Self-study activities, which are permitted with a maximum of 12 hours of continuing credit per renewal period.

*g.* Original presentation of continuing dental education courses, which will result in credit double that which is awarded to participants. Additional credit will not be granted for the repeating of presentations within the renewal period.

*h.* Teaching. Licensees and registrants who serve as adjunct faculty at an accredited school may claim continuing education credit for teaching that is part of the normal academic duties. Licensees and registrants may apply a maximum of six hours of credit per renewal period.

*i.* Publication of scientific articles in professional journals related to dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assisting, which will result in 5 hours of continuing education credit per article with a maximum of 20 hours allowed per renewal period.

*j.* Delivery of volunteer dental services without compensation through a free clinic, the purpose of which is the delivery of health care services to low-income or underserved individuals. Licensees and registrants may claim one hour of continuing education credit for every three hours of volunteer dental services.

(1) The volunteer hours must be verified by the free clinic or the organization sponsoring the event where the volunteer services are provided.

(2) Licensees and faculty permit holders may apply a maximum of six hours of credit per renewal period.

(3) Registrants may apply a maximum of four hours of credit per renewal period.

**573.3(3)** Credit may be given for other continuing education activities upon approval by the board.

**573.3(4)** Continuing education courses in the areas of expanded functions or sedation must receive prior approval from the board, or committee approval as authorized, pursuant to 481—Chapter 577 and 481—subrule 572.11(1).

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