

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD
OF DENTAL EXAMINERS OF NEVADA**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 631.190 and 631.342.

A REGULATION relating to continuing education; revising the provisions governing continuing education in dentistry and dental hygiene; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 631.173 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.173 1. Each dentist licensed to practice in this State ~~[shall]~~ *must* complete annually at least 20 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education. Hours of instruction may not be transferred or carried over from one licensing period to another.

2. Each dental hygienist licensed to practice in this State ~~[shall]~~ *must* complete annually at least 15 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education. Hours of instruction may not be transferred or carried over from one licensing period to another.

3. In addition to the hours of instruction prescribed in subsections 1 and 2, each dentist and dental hygienist ~~[shall]~~ *must* maintain current certification in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation or another medically acceptable means of maintaining basic bodily functions which support life. Any course taken pursuant to this subsection must be taught by a certified instructor.

4. Any provider of or instructor for a course in continuing education relating to the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene which meets the requirements of this section must be approved by the Board, unless the course is for training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or is approved by:

- (a) The American Dental Association or the societies which are a part of it;
- (b) The American Dental Hygienists' Association or the societies which are a part of it;
- (c) The Academy of General Dentistry;
- (d) Any nationally recognized association of dental or medical specialists;
- (e) Any university, college or community college, whether located in or out of Nevada; or
- (f) Any hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on ~~the~~ Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

5. To be approved as a provider of a course in continuing education, the instructor of the course must complete a form provided by the Board and submit it to the Board for review by a committee appointed by the Board not later than 45 days before the beginning date of the course. Upon receipt of the form, the committee shall, within 10 days after receiving the form, approve or disapprove the application and inform the applicant of its decision.

6. Study by group may be approved for continuing education if the organizer of the group complies with the requirements of subsection 5 and furnishes the Board with a complete list of all members of the group, a synopsis of the subject to be studied, the time, place and duration of the meetings of the group, and the method by which attendance is recorded and authenticated.

7. Credit may be allowed for attendance at a meeting or a convention of a dental and dental hygiene society.

8. Credit may be allowed for courses completed at home which are taught through correspondence or video cassettes.

9. Credit may be allowed for dental and dental hygiene services provided on a voluntary basis to nonprofit agencies and organizations approved by the Board.

Sec. 2. NAC 631.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 631.175 1. Approved subjects for continuing education in dentistry and dental hygiene are:
- (a) Dental and medical health;
 - (b) Preventive services;
 - (c) Dental diagnosis and treatment planning;
 - (d) Dental clinical procedures, including corrective and restorative oral health procedures and basic dental sciences, dental research and new concepts in dentistry;
 - (e) Dental practice organization and management;
 - (f) Patient management skills;
 - (g) Methods of health care delivery; and
 - (h) Teaching methodology.
2. At least 15 of the hours of continuing education required for dentists by NAC 631.173 must be in the approved subjects listed in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection 1.
3. At least 12 of the hours of continuing education required for dental hygienists by NAC 631.173 must be in the approved subjects listed in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection 1.
4. The Board will credit , as a maximum in any ~~one~~ year, the following number of hours of instruction for the following types of courses or activities:
- (a) For approved study by a group, 3 hours.
 - (b) For attendance at a meeting or convention of a dental or dental hygiene society, 1 hour for each meeting, but ~~no~~ *not* more than 3 hours, exclusive of hours of continuing education offered in conjunction with the meeting.
 - (c) For courses completed in the home through correspondence or video cassettes, 6 hours.

(d) For all other courses conducted by an approved instructor, the number of hours completed by the dentist or dental hygienist.

(e) For approved dental or dental hygiene services provided in approved nonprofit settings, 6 hours, except that not more than 3 hours will be allowed for any day of volunteer services provided.