

## **Continuing Dental Education For Dentists, Dental Hygienists And Dental Assistants**

The continuing dental education hours will accumulate on the basis of one hour of credit for each hour spent in actual teaching sessions. Subject matter directly related to clinical dentistry will be accepted by the board without limit. Limits are established for nonclinical subjects and home study courses. **All courses must be sent in on a continuing education form available on the Board's website, [www.nddentalboard.org](http://www.nddentalboard.org), or by contacting the Board office. Each course written on the form must have the course title, date, and number of hours or the form will be returned for completion.**

**Dentists:** The minimum number of hours required within a two-year cycle for dentists is thirty-two. Of these hours, a dentist may earn no more than six hours in nonclinical subjects and no more than ten hours through home study courses.

**Hygienists:** The minimum number of hours required within a two-year cycle for dental hygienist is sixteen. Of these hours, a dental hygienist may earn no more than three hours in nonclinical subjects and no more than five hours through home study courses.

**Dentists & Hygienists ONLY: DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR CE CERTIFICATES!** After all the renewal applications have been received, you may be selected for a random audit of your continuing education. Please keep materials that are pertinent to your CE coursework as "proof" in the event of an audit. Examples of items to save are receipts, registration materials, certificates, or cancelled checks.

**Registered & Qualified Dental Assistants:** The minimum number of hours for a registered dental assistant and a qualified dental assistant is eight hours annually. Of these hours, a registered dental assistant or qualified dental assistant may earn no more than three hours in nonclinical subjects and no more than two hours through home study courses.

Nonclinical subjects relating to the dental profession are those which cover skills relating to dental services in general which are not related to, but supportive of, the provision of clinical dental services. Examples of nonclinical subjects are patient management, the legal and ethical responsibilities of the dental profession, risk management, professional liability, and stress management.

The infection control and CPR requirement for dentists, dental hygienists, registered dental assistants, and qualified dental assistants is two hours biennially and is required for renewal. The Infection Control training may be accomplished in an office setting or at a sponsored course.

### **Useful Dental Continuing Education websites and phone numbers:**

American Dental Association – [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org); Phone: 312-440-2500

North Dakota Dental Association – [www.nddental.com](http://www.nddental.com); Phone: 701-223-8870

American Association of Endodontists - [www.aae.org](http://www.aae.org); Phone: 800-872-3636

Health Studies Institute – [www.healthstudies.com](http://www.healthstudies.com); Phone: 1-800-700-3454

American Dental Hygienist Association – [www.adha.org](http://www.adha.org); Phone: (312) 440-8900

North Dakota Dental Hygienists Association – [www.ndha.org](http://www.ndha.org)

Dental Assisting National Boards – [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org); Phone: 1-800-367-3262

American Dental Assistants Association – [www.dentalassistant.org](http://www.dentalassistant.org); Phone: 312-541-1550

North Dakota Dental Assistants Association – [www.nddental.com/assistants.html](http://www.nddental.com/assistants.html)