District of Columbia

Total Hours 30
Renewal Cycle 2 (odd) years
Renewal Deadline December 31st
Self Study No minimum / No maximum
Live/In Person No minimum / No maximum
How Monitored Attestation and audit
CE Entry None
Online https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/portal-page

CE Content Required
■ CPR for health care providers
■ Cultural competency or specialized clinical training focusing on patients or clients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression (2 hours)
■ Ethics (1 hour in approved programs)
■ Infection control (2 hours in approved programs)
■ Opioid prescription practices, pain management, abuse and misuse of controlled substances (2 hours, only if DEA registered)

Credit calculation: 1 CE credit = 55 minutes of activity; credit for whole hour only

Change to the Term of License, Certificate and Registration, Effective: June 16, 2024
The DC Department of Health has always operated with fixed renewal windows for each profession. In response to feedback from the health professional community, the Director has moved to change the renewal system to align with each licensee's month of birth. As such, **all applicable licenses, certificates, or registrations issued on or after June 16, 2024, will expire on the last day of the birth month of the license holder. This will apply to all new applicants and will become applicable to licensees renewing later this year. For those renewing, this will not take effect until September 2024.** For all current holders of a license, certificate, or registration additional information will be provided at a later date. This authority is pursuant to Chapter 40 Section 4006.3 DCMR Chapter 40 General Rules.

CE Content Accepted
At least ten percent (10%) of the total required continuing education shall be in the subjects determined by the Director as public health priorities of the District every five (5) years or less frequently, as deemed appropriate by the Director, with notice of the subject matter published in the D.C. Register. The Board shall disseminate the identified subjects to its licensees when determined by the Director via electronic communication and through publication on its website.

CE Content Not Accepted
Work done in the course of an applicant's normal occupation or incident to the performance of his or her regular professional duties, such as teaching didactic courses, research, or course preparation in the case of a teacher or professor
Meetings and activities not related to the administrative or clinical practice of dentistry

CE Providers Accepted

- Academy of General Dentistry and their constituent and component and affiliates
- Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD PACE)
- American Dental Association and their constituent and component and affiliates
- American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (ADA CODA) approved dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting school
- American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP)
- American Dental Hygiene Association and their constituent and component and affiliates
- American Heart Association

The ADA attempts to keep this information current based on information from state dental boards and state dental associations. Individuals seeking dental licensure renewal should consult with the state board of dentistry and their professional advisors for the complete and most recent continuing education requirements, dental licensure renewal information, procedures, forms and fees.

- American Medical Association specialty medical associations/organizations, the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education
- American Medical Association's Liaison Committee for Medical Education
- American Red Cross
- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations approved hospitals
- National Dental Associations and their constituent and component and affiliates
- National Dental Hygiene Association and their constituent and component and affiliates
- State and Federal government agencies (e.g. dental division, military dental division)
- United States Department of Education accredited hospital, college, university, or community college

Other activities that count towards CE
(all references are for credits earned during the entire renewal period, unless otherwise noted)

- 8 CE credits maximum for approved internet continuing education courses may be accepted in any renewal period, or for reinstatement or reactivation of a license.
- The Board may approve the following types of continuing education programs: a seminar or workshop; an educational program given at a conference or convention; and In-service training.
- 15 CE credits for each semester hour of credit for approved undergraduate or graduate courses, and 10 CE credits for each quarter hour.
- 13 CE credits maximum per year for a licensee who attends a full time post-graduate education program.
- Credits may be awarded to a licensee who serves as an instructor or speaker at an acceptable program for both preparation and presentation time, subject to the following restrictions: The maximum amount of credit which may be granted for preparation time is twice the amount of the associated presentation time; The maximum amount of credit which may be granted pursuant to this subsection is fifty percent (50%) of an applicant's continuing education requirement
- 25 CE credits for a licensee who is an author or editor of a published book, if the book has been published or accepted for publication during the period for which credit is claimed, and the applicant submits proof of this fact in the application.
- 5 CE credits for a licensee who is an author of a published original paper, subject to the same restrictions set forth for books.
- 2 CE credits for a licensee who is the sole author of a published book review, review paper, or abstract, subject to the same restrictions set forth for books.

Source
District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, Title 17, Chap 42, §4026 Continuing Education Requirements
https://www.dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/SectionList.aspx?SectionNumber=17-4206

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