Pennsylvania

Total Hours 30
Renewal Cycle Two (odd) years
Renewal Deadline March 31st
Self Study No minimum / 15 hours maximum
Live/In Person 15 hours minimum / No maximum
How Monitored Attestation and Audit
CE Entry None
Renewal Method Online: https://www.pals.pa.gov/

CE Content Required
■ Healthcare Provider or Infant, Child and Adult CPR, or ACLS or PALS or BLS (hours do not count toward total required)
■ Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training (2 hours; must be an approved provider)
■ Act 124 Opioid continuing education (2 hours, if DEA registered, must be an approved provider)

Live/In person courses: No more than 50% of the required credits may be taken through online/individual study. A live webinar continuing education course is considered a lecture. This only applies to courses that are conducted as live, real-time sessions. They must be a fully interactive course that allows attendees to communicate/ask questions with the presenter and other attendees.

CE Content Accepted
Abuse and Neglect
Basic Medical and Scientific Subjects
Clinical Dentistry Techniques and Procedures
Diagnosis & Treatment Planning
Infection Control/Waste Management
Laws and regulations pertaining to dentists, dental hygienists and expanded function dental assistants
Medical Emergencies
Oral Pathology

CE Content not Accepted
Billing
Communication Skills
Insurance Reimbursement
Office Management
Practice Development or Management

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 Assistants Association
- 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 Dental Society of Anesthesiology and their constituent and component and affiliates
- American Heart Association
- American Medical Association specialty medical associations/organizations, the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education
- American Medical Association's Liaison Committee for Medical Education
- American Osteopathic Medical Association
- American Nursing Association.
- American Red Cross

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- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations approved hospitals
- Medical or osteopathic medical schools or colleges accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the State Board of Medicine, State Board of Osteopathic Medicine or State Board of Nursing
- National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology approved courses
- National Dental Associations and their constituent and component and affiliates
- National Dental Hygiene Association and their constituent and component and affiliates
- National Institutes of Health
- Pennsylvania Academy of Dental Hygiene Studies
- State and Federal government agencies (e.g. dental division, military dental division)
- United States Department of Education accredited hospital, college, university, or community college
- United States Public Health Services
- Veterans' Administration

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

- At least 50% of the required credit hours shall be taken in lecture or clinical presentations.
- A maximum of 50% of the required credit hours, may be taken through individual study, serving as an instructor or author of a book, article or continuing education program.
- Instructors will be awarded two additional credit hours as preparation time for each credit hour of instruction, and for actual instruction, up to 50% of the required hours. Additional credit hours for instructors.
- Authors will be awarded 50% of the required hours for articles published in a peer-reviewed professional journal.
- Credit will not be awarded for repeating a program in the same renewal period unless the subject matter has substantially changed during that period.

Anesthesia / Sedation Permit Renewal Requirements
■ Current ACLS certification if treating adult patients utilizing general anesthesia, deep sedation, conscious sedation and/or nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia.
■ Current PALS certification if treating pediatric patients utilizing general anesthesia, deep sedation, conscious sedation and/or nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia.
■ Unrestricted - 15 hours of Board-approved continuing education in courses related to general anesthesia and deep sedation (no exemption)
■ Restricted I – 15 hours of Board-approved continuing education courses related to conscious sedation. (No exemption)
■ Restricted II No continuing education requirement

Source
https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dos/department-and-offices/bpoa/boards-commissions/dentistry/renewal-information.html

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