

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Dental Board

Article 3.—Dental Hygienists

71-3-8. Refresher course.

(a) An eligible dental hygienist may, except as provided in subsection (e) below, return to the practice of dental hygiene without the requirement of a clinical examination, upon submitting an application on a form provided by the board and providing proof of having successfully completed a refresher course approved by the board.

(b) For purposes of this regulation, an eligible dental hygienist shall be an individual who meets the following requirements:

- (1) Was previously licensed to practice dental hygiene;
- (2) has not been disciplined by the licensing board in any state in which the individual has been licensed to practice dental hygiene;
- (3) has practiced dental hygiene; and
- (4) meets the other requirements for licensure set forth in K.S.A. 65-1455, and amendments thereto.

(c) For a refresher course to be approved by the board, it shall meet the following minimum criteria:

- (1) Be taught at a dental hygiene school approved by the board;
- (2) consist of a minimum of 48 clock hours, including a minimum of 32 clock hours of clinical instruction;
- (3) include didactic coursework, which may be presented in a classroom or independent study setting, or both, and clinical coursework covering the following:
 - (i) Infection control and sterilization;
 - (ii) patient assessment, including the taking of health histories, an oral inspection and evaluation, and charting;
 - (iii) radiographic techniques;
 - (iv) instrumentation techniques, including periodontal procedures and instrument sharpening;

- (v) current techniques in the polishing of teeth and the application of fluoride;
- (vi) patient education;
- (vii) emergency situations; and
- (viii) the current Kansas dental laws; and

(4) include final written and clinical evaluations that require a minimum passing score of 75 percent.

(d) As a further condition of returning to the practice of dental hygiene, the dental hygienist may be required to appear before the board.

(e) A formerly retired or disabled dental hygienist who is returning to the practice of dental hygiene, without the requirement of a clinical examination, may not administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide until having completed courses of instruction in local anesthesia and nitrous oxide approved by the board.

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