

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Dental Board

Article 4.—Continuing Education Requirements

71-4-2. Approved continuing dental education.

The following general standards shall be used by the board in determining which courses will qualify for continuing dental education credits required as a condition for the annual renewal of dental and dental hygienist licenses:

(a) *Eligibility.* Only those courses which increase the dentist's or dental hygienist's clinical and theoretical dental knowledge or ability to provide care and treatment to patients shall qualify for credit in computing the required hours of continuing dental education. Any person or organization may apply in writing to the board for approval of any courses.

(b) *Courses.* Subject to the eligibility standards set forth in paragraph (a) above, all courses, both within and without the state of Kansas, offered by any of the following organizations shall be approved for credit:

- (1) any college or university;
- (2) the American dental association, the national dental association, or their component and constituent societies and associations;
- (3) the American dental hygienists association and national dental hygienists association or their component and constituent societies and associations;
- (4) the academies and specialty organizations recognized by the dental board;
- (5) local dental society and dental hygiene society meetings;
- (6) dental or dental hygiene study club meetings; and
- (7) programs that are sponsored by the veterans administration or the armed forces and given at a United States government facility. One hour of credit shall be given for each hour in actual attendance at such courses.

(c) *Advanced study.* A waiver of continuing dental education requirements shall be granted if a licensee is engaged as a full-time student in graduate study, internships or a

residency program in dentistry, any of the specialties of dentistry recognized by the board, or dental hygiene.

(d) *New graduates.* A waiver of the continuing dental education requirements shall be granted for the first year after a licensee graduates and becomes licensed.

(e) *Lecturing, presenting papers, or clinics, teaching.* Any licensee may receive a maximum of 10 hours of credit annually for any combination of lecturing, presenting papers or clinics or teaching subjects related to dentistry and dental hygiene. Credit for teaching courses involving repeated presentation of similar subject matters shall be limited to the time spent in one presentation.

(f) *Commercially sponsored courses.* Continuing dental education courses sponsored by any person, corporation, association or other entity on a profit-making basis shall be approved by the board for continuing dental education credit subject to the eligibility standards set forth in paragraph (a) above.

(g) Credit for programs of home study shall be allowed for eligible courses based upon the hours of continuing dental education credit established by the sponsor or producers of the course, subject to prior review and determination of the allowable hours of credit by the board.

(h) Credit may be granted, upon the application of any licensee, for authorship of published dental articles or books or for teaching any approved dental education course. The hours of credit to be allowed shall be determined by the board. The maximum number of hours allowed shall be:

- (1) 10 hours for any single article;
- (2) 20 hours for any book; and
- (3) five hours for teaching a course.

(i) Disabled or retired dentists.

(1) The dental education requirements shall be waived for licensees who are disabled or retired, as those terms are defined by statute. In order to return to active practice, after a period of disability or retirement, each licensee shall complete continuing dental education credit hours according to the following schedule:

(A) Licensed dentists:

- (i) five or more years disability or retirement 100 hours

- (ii) four years disability or retirement 80 hours
- (iii) three years disability or retirement 70 hours
- (iv) two years disability or retirement 60 hours
- (v) one year disability or retirement 30 hours

(B) Licensed dental hygienists:

- (i) five or more years disability or retirement 50 hours
- (ii) four years disability or retirement 40 hours
- (iii) three years disability or retirement 35 hours
- (iv) two years disability or retirement 30 hours
- (v) one year disability or retirement 15 hours

(2) Upon application of a licensee, all or any portion of the continuing dental education hours required of a licensee returning to practice may be waived if the licensee passes an examination determined by the board. Such an examination may be required in addition to completion of the continuing dental education hours required above. The examination may be written, oral or clinical, or all of these, at the board's determination.

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