



Continuing Education Clarification Notice

Due to cancellations of local CE courses and the WDHA Symposium, dental hygienists are concerned about how to meet our licensure continuing education requirements. If you have a renewal date coming up soon, WDHA is working to provide additional online CE to help you.

A quick review of your annual requirements:

- 15 clock hours each year (license renewal year)
- Maintain a current basic life support (BLS) for health care providers certification
 - Online available for now – this may change in the future
- Sign a declaration attesting to the completion of the required number of hours for annual renewal
- Suicide prevention education
 - One-time DOH approved training for dental hygienists' of at least three hours in length
 - Not required until first renewal **after** August 1, 2020

ALL CE REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET WITH ONLINE CONTINUING EDUCATION

In these times of social distancing, it is important to remember that continuing education may include, but is not limited to: ([WAC 246-815-140](#) and [-155, WAC 246-817-720](#))

- Self-study
 - Maximum 5 hours per year
 - Documentation requires a summary of what was learned, the source, length of time spent – keep all information
- Distance learning
 - Online, webinar, tele-conferencing, etc.
 - Must include an assessment tool (post-test) and certificate upon completion
- Serve as an educator or lecture in CE courses
 - May accumulate hours for course preparation
 - Maximum 10 hours per year – documentation of course outline for each course required
- Provision of clinical dental hygiene services in a documented volunteer capacity
 - Must be preceded by educational training
 - Without compensation and under appropriate supervision
 - Maximum 5 hours per year – certificate of participation for records
- Serve as a public health official or employee, contractor for health agency, or work in prevention activities in public health dentistry
 - May accumulate hours for content preparation
 - Maximum 5 hours per year – documentation required

ADHA and WDHA – hard at work for you!