# CE Requirements for Texas Dentists

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**24 Hours / 2 Years**

24 hours of active dentist must complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education (CE) periodically (every 2 years).

The TDA and the component dental societies are approved CE providers by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE).

## At least 16 Hrs

of coursework must be either **technical** or **scientific**

as related to clinical care. These hours may be earned through continuing education (CE) provided by national, state, and local dental societies, as well as other organizations and institutions that provide clinical care to the individual dentist.

Hours of recertification of the standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) courses may not be considered in the 16 hour CE requirement.

CE hours earned toward, and in excess of 16 hours, may be used for **technical** or **scientific** coursework. Hours earned in excess of 16 hours may also be completed on the **Jurisprudence** or **Ethics** topics.

## Up to 8 Hrs

of course work may be in self-study.

Self-study hours must be provided by a CE provider recognized by providers.

Examples of self-study hours: Reading professional journals, online courses, audio courses, and reading articles.

Hours or recertification in practice management may not be considered in the 24 hour CE requirement.

Dentists with and without sedation permits must be current. The course must contain:

- Pharmacology
- Medical emergencies

## Up to 8 Hrs

of coursework may be in **sub** or **non-clinical** topics.

Acceptable courses include: courses in risk management, practice managing, and ethics.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance and recertification in Occupational Safety and Health Administration courses. These hours may be completed in the **Jurisprudence** and **Ethics** topical training used to offset the requirement CE.

Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) are not Texas Board of Dentistry Continuing Education hours.

**Attending to Completing CE and Submitting Proof of CE Completion to the Texas State Board of Dentistry (TSBDE)**

- At the time of license renewal, dentists are asked to attest that they completed the required CE hours.
- Dentists must keep their CE certificates "available for inspection" and "at least current for a period of 2 years" in the event they are selected for a random audit by the TSBDE.
- According to the TSBDE, approximately 5% of monthly license renewal and registration renewals are selected for random audit.

**Live, Live-Interactive, & Recorded Online Course Hours**

- "Live" CE person is in lecture hall, laboratory, or other, in which the dentist has the opportunity to interact in real time with the speaker(s), other participants, and the audience. Live CE may be offered on-line, but dentist can hear speaker in person.
- Live interactive online courses will count toward dentist's current CE requirements. Recorded online courses count toward dentist's continuing education (CE) hours.

**Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers**

This typically renews current for 2 years depending on the course provider. The BLS CPR certification hours are not considered in the 24 hours CE requirement.

**For more info on CE requirements for dentists, please visit:**
**http://tsbde.texas.gov/licensing/dentists**

## Jurisprudence Assessment Requirement for Dentists

**1x Every 4 Years**

- Each dentist must complete the TSBDE's online jurisprudence assessment once every 2 years.

**Does not count as CE**

- This requirement is in addition to the 24 hours of dentist CE required for license renewal.

**For more info on Jurisprudence Assessment for dentists, please visit:**
**http://tsbde.texas.gov/licensing/jurisprudence-assessment**

## CE for Dentists: Controlled Substances

**2 Hrs**

**Counts for Risk Mgmt.**

**By Sep. 1, 2021**

For dentists authorized before Sep. 1, 2000

**Within 1 year**

For dentists who are authorized by the DEA after Sep. 1, 2020

In 2019, the 86th Texas Legislature implemented new continuing education requirements for prescribing controlled substances.

Effective September 1, 2020: Dentists permitted by the Drug Enforcement Agency to prescribe controlled substances must complete 2 hours of CE in approved procedures for prescribing and monitoring controlled substances. These CE hours count toward the 24 hour CE requirement for dental license renewal.

- Dentists authorized by the DEA to prescribe controlled substances before September 1, 2020 have until September 1, 2021 to complete the CE requirement.
- Dentists authorized by the DEA to prescribe controlled substances on or after September 1, 2020, must complete the 2 hours of continuing education (CE) hours that the first anniversary after they are issued a DEA registration (21 Texas Administrative Code §111.130).

This CE requirement is in addition to the 24 hour CE requirement. However, after the dentist takes the initial requirement, these 2 hours can also count toward the 24 hour CE requirement. The TDA CE Program is an approved provider of CE on prescribing controlled substances for the dentist's license renewal.

**For more details, see Standards for Prescribing Controlled Substances: Additional Education Required, at:**
**http://bit.ly/Texas-CE-Rx-Requirements**

## Safe and Effective Pain Management for Patients

**2 Hrs Every 2 Years**

**4 Hrs Every 2 Years**

**4 Hrs Counts for Technical & Scientific**

**2 Hrs Counts for Controlled Substance CE**

Effective January 1, 2021: Licensed dentists whose practice includes direct patient care must complete at least 2 CE hours annually, and at least 4 CE hours biennially, in safe and effective pain management when prescribing opioids and other controlled substances to patients.

CE courses to satisfy this requirement must include education in:

(1) reasonable standards of care;

(2) the identification of drug-seeking behavior in patients; and

(3) effective patient counselors about prescribing opioids or other controlled substances.

The 4 CE hours may be applied to the 16 hour technical or scientific CE hours requirement for dental license renewal (22 Texas Administrative Code §104.1(b)(8)).

The TSBDE will count the required 2 CE hours under 111.1(a) (DEA permit holders) towards the required 4 hours of controlled substance CE required for all dentists in accordance under 104.1(b)(8).

**For more details, go to go to Continuing Education at:**
**http://bit.ly/TX-Dental-CE-Requirements**

## Anesthesia Permits

**Lv. 1-4 Hrs**
**Lv. 2-5: 8 Hrs**
**Lv. 6: 12 Hrs**

**Every 2 Years**

**ACLS & PALS Hours Count for Permit Renewal**

**Hours Not Counted for License Renewal)**

In Texas, dentists' anesthesia permits are renewed at the same time their dental license is renewed.

Dentists seeking to renew an anesthesia permit must complete the following CE hours once every 2 years on the administration of their highest permitted level of sedation: Level 1 Minimal Sedation – 4 hours; Level 2 & 3 Moderate sedation – 8 hours; Level 4 Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia – 12 hours.

Each dentist holding a sedation/anesthesia permit—nitrous oxide, level 1, level 2, or level 4—must take and pass the online anesthesia, or hand-on anesthesia jurisprudence administered by the TSBDE once every 5 years.

**For more details on Anesthesia Renewal-Instructions, go to:**
**http://bit.ly/Anesthesia-Renewal-Instructions**

## Anesthesia Online Jurisprudence Requirement for Dentists

**1x Every 5 Years**

**Does not count as CE**

Each dentist holding a sedation/anesthesia permit—nitrous oxide, level 1, level 2, or level 4—must take and pass the online anesthesia, or hand-on anesthesia jurisprudence administered by the TSBDE once every 5 years.

**For more info on Jurisprudence Assessment for Dentists, please visit:**
**http://tsbde.texas.gov/licensing/jurisprudence-assessment**

## Sedation Permit Holders ACLS/PALS Hours Permit Holders Only

**Typically Valid for 2 Years (Depending on Course Provider)**

A current ACLS required to sedate/anesthetize patients 13 years of age or older.

A current PALS required to sedate/anesthetize patients under the age of 13.

These designations are typically valid for 2 years depending on the course provider.

## Sedation of High-Risk and Pediatric Dental Patients

**≥12 Month Residency**

**OR**

**Approved Program**

Level 2, level 3, or level 4 permit holders cannot administer sedation/anesthesia to high-risk and/or pediatric dental patients unless they have completed a residency or approved sedation/anesthesia. A high-risk patient is defined as patient with a level 3 or 4 ASA classification. A pediatric patient is defined as a patient younger than 13 years of age.

Approved courses can meet the requirement by completing 1) a university or hospital based residency at level 1 or 2 months in length that includes the treatment of medically and dental compromised children and a dental board-approved sedation program that includes the treatment of medically compromised and/or pediatric patients for such authorization.

After completing the required advanced education, permit holders may apply for the authorization from the TSBDE. There is no additional fee for the authorization(s) and there is no special CE requirement to keep the authorization(s).

**For more details on Sedation of High-Risk and Pediatric Patients, go to:**
**http://bit.ly/Sedation-Pediatric-High-Risk**

## Human Trafficking Continuing Education

**Every 2 Years**

**(Before a License or Registration Renewal)**

HB 2059 requires dentists to complete CE in human trafficking prevention for health care practitioners providing direct patient care.

The CE must be completed before a license or registration renewal (2 years).

Courses taken to meet this requirement count for sponsored by the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

Human trafficking CE hours may be applied toward the 8 risk management CE hours allowed for license renewal.

**For more info on Human Trafficking CE, please visit:**
**http://bit.ly/HHS-Human-Trafficking-Course**

## Dental Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea

**12 Hours** for oral appliances

**3 Hours Every Year** for treating OSA

**Counts for Technical & Scientific**

Dentists fabricating oral appliances for patients with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) must complete a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education (CE) hours obtained treating from a TSBDE-approved CE provider.

Dentists must complete 3 hours of CE yearly in treating patients with OSA, totaling 9 hours each year that they treat patients with OSA.

Dentists are reminded that they cannot independently diagnose OSA and may fabricate oral appliances for OSA treatment only in collaboration with a Texas licensed physician.

Clinical or scientific OSA CE may be applied to the 16 hour technical or scientific CE hour requirements for dental license renewal.

**For more info on Dental Treatment of OSA, please visit:**
**https://bit.ly/TSBDE-OSA-Rule**

## Delegating Lasers to Dental Hygienists

**12 Hours** in-person CE

**3 Hours** clinical simulation

**Counts for Technical & Scientific**

Dentists delegating the use of lasers to dental hygienists must complete a minimum of 12 hours of in-person CE and clinical simulation hours in laser hygiene as prescribed by a dental hygienist.

Three of the 12 hours must include clinical simulation laser training in delegated dental hygiene procedures. The CE hours may be a TSBDE-approved CE provider.

Clinical or scientific dental hygiene laser CE may be applied to the 16 hour technical or scientific CE hour requirements for dental license renewal.

**For more info on Delegating Lasers, please visit:**
**https://bit.ly/TSBDE-Delegating-Lasers**

## For More

**For more information on CE requirements in Texas, including jurisprudence requirements for sedation permits and prescribing controlled substances, visit the dental board's website at tsbde.texas.gov.**


SOURCES:

- 22 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 104, Continuing Education https://bit.ly/TX-Dental-CE-Requirements
- 22 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 110, Sedation and Anesthesia https://bit.ly/Anesthesia-Renewal-Instructions
- 22 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 111, Standards for Prescribing Controlled Substances: Additional Education Required https://bit.ly/Texas-CE-Rx-Requirements


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