

CE Requirements for Dental Hygienists in Georgia

At least **22 Hours of Continuing Education** must be obtained in the **2024 – 2025** biennium.

Further requisites of the 22 hours include:

- 15 hours must be clinical courses in the actual delivery of dental services to the patient or to the community
- 11 hours can be from webinars and other forms of online CE
- 11 hours must be obtained in-person
- 1 hour of CE in legal, ethics and professionalism in dentistry
- 2 hours of CE regarding infection control in dentistry, including education and training regarding dental unit water lines
- Proof of CPR certification as taught by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the American Health and Safety Institute, the National Safety Council, EMS Safety Services, or other such agencies approved by the board. Four credit hours for successful completion of the in-person CPR course required by Georgia law may be used to satisfy continuing education requirements per renewal period.

Dental Hygienists: Don't forget other requirements!

- OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Training**
 - Required for:** Any staff that may come into contact with blood
 - Date required:** Annually
- HIPAA Training**
 - Required for:** All staff, new hires
 - Date required:** Code of Federal Regulation (CFR § 164.530) requires HIPAA training for all staff, new hires within a reasonable period of time after hire, and any time "functions are affected by a material change in the policies or procedures"
- Radiation Safety Training (6 hours)**
 - Required for:** Dental Assistants or anyone that did not get radiation safety training in their dental education
 - Date required:** Prior to the use of X-ray equipment
- Phlebotomy Training**
 - Required for:** Dental Assistants, licensed Hygienists and Dentists before performing phlebotomy or venipuncture
 - Date required:** Prior to the performing phlebotomy or venipuncture
- Administration of Local Anesthetic (2 hours)**
 - Required for:** Dental Hygienists administering local anesthesia pursuant to rule 150-5-.07
 - Date required:** Two hours per biennium

For the complete details on CE requirements, contact the Georgia Board of Dentistry at 404-651-8000 or view online at:
 - **Dentists:** <https://rules.sos.ga.gov/GAC/150-3-.09>
 - **Dental Hygienists:** <https://rules.sos.ga.gov/GAC/150-5-.05>
 For more information on GDA courses that meet the requirements listed on page eight, visit gadental.org/events-ce