

**WAC 246-817-445 Dental anesthesia assistant continuing education requirements.** (1) To renew a certification a certified dental anesthesia assistant must complete a minimum of 14 hours of continuing education every three years and follow the requirements of WAC 246-12-170 through 246-12-240.

(2) A certified dental anesthesia assistant must complete a minimum of two hours of approved health equity training every three years. Two hours of continuing education will be granted towards the 14-hour requirement. An approved program providing health equity continuing education training must meet the requirements listed in WAC 246-12-830. For purposes of this rule, health equity has the same meaning as defined in WAC 246-12-810.

(3) Continuing education must involve direct application of dental anesthesia assistant knowledge and skills in one or more of the following categories:

- (a) General anesthesia;
- (b) Moderate sedation;
- (c) Physical evaluation;
- (d) Medical emergencies;
- (e) Health care provider basic life support (BLS), advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), or pediatric advanced life support (PALS);
- (f) Monitoring and use of monitoring equipment;
- (g) Pharmacology of drugs; and agents used in sedation and anesthesia.

(4) Continuing education is defined as any of the following activities:

- (a) Attendance at local, state, national, or international continuing education courses;
- (b) Health care provider basic life support (BLS), advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), or pediatric advanced life support (PALS), or emergency related classes;
- (c) Self-study through the use of multimedia devices or the study of books, research materials, or other publications.
  - (i) Multimedia devices. The required documentation for this activity is a letter or other documentation from the organization. A maximum of two hours is allowed per reporting period.
  - (ii) Books, research materials, or other publications. The required documentation for this activity is a two-page synopsis of what was learned written by the credential holder. A maximum of two hours is allowed per reporting period.
- (d) Distance learning. Distance learning includes, but is not limited to, correspondence course, webinar, print, audio/video broadcasting, audio/video teleconferencing, computer aided instruction, e-learning/on-line-learning, or computer broadcasting/webcasting. A maximum of four hours of distance learning is allowed per reporting period.

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