

**21 NCAC 16I .0102 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED**

(a) As a condition of license renewal, each dental hygienist must complete a minimum of six clock hours of continuing education each calendar year. Any or all the hours may be acquired through self study courses. For self study courses to be counted towards this continuing education requirement, the hygienist must successfully complete a test following the course and obtain a certificate of completion. Current certification in CPR is required in addition to the mandatory continuing education hours.

(b) A dental hygienist who can demonstrate a disabling condition may request a variance in required continuing education hours during a particular period. Written documentation of a disabling condition that interferes with the hygienist's ability to complete the required hours shall be provided to the Board. The Board may grant or deny such requests on a case by case basis according to this standard. In considering the request, the Board may require additional documentation substantiating any specified disability.

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