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Abstract

As a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA), the obligation to obtain Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credits to maintain one's certification is an annual occurrence. Through the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), annual renewals for CDAs consist of a fee, CPR certification, and one's CDE acquisition. Working for a nonprofit community health center, Terry Reilly Health Services, I find it crucial to be able to share with my colleagues resources on finding CDE opportunities. Thus this led to the creation of my CDA quickstart guidebook to ensure staff have the correct resources for pursuing or maintaining a CDA certification. It is a compilation of crucial courses that satisfy DANB requirements. I'm hoping that my work acts as a cushion for how stressful it can be to obtain CDE credits alone.

Keywords: CDA, CDE, DANB

Section 1: Introduction to your Capstone Project

When thinking about healthcare clinicians, one can normally associate them as having gone through vigorous education and professional licensure and certifications. These credentials mark them as being qualified and competent in their own field of expertise. But what about the assistants? Whether it be medical, dental, or behavioral health, certifications are recognized on a state and national level. I happen to be one of these many essential workers in the field of dentistry. Greetings from Chris Ponte, CDA. I happen to be a Certified Dental Assistant. This means the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) has granted me certification status in my field. However, in the state of Idaho, dental assistants are not required by state law to be registered or certified in any capacity. Thus I'm stuck having to maintain my yearly certification with no real means of reward.

For the last four years, I've been hard at work with a local federally qualified community health center here in the Treasure Valley of Idaho. Terry Reilly Health Services is here as a nonprofit to give quality healthcare to the greater Treasure Valley community. We have urban clinics here in Boise, Meridian, and Nampa. We also have rural clinics across the rolling hills, past luxurious vineyards as far out as Marsing, Melba, and Homedale. "Your Health. Our Mission." This is the mantra we operate with. I've been able to give dental healthcare to various patients of all backgrounds. Patients with insurance or without, patients of many races and ethnicities, those separated by socioeconomic status, refugees, you name it! This has been a fulfilling journey and one with ups and downs of course.

For all the supposed good I'm partaking in, what issues could possibly arise at work one might be thinking right about now. You see, I've noticed a work discrepancy in which clinicians

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like Dentists and Dental Hygienists are allowed paid time off to work on acquiring Continuing Dental Education (CDE). However, us dental assistants who are certified are forced to fend for ourselves. It should be understood that most licenses and certifications require continuing education as a requirement for annual renewal. So already, I'm faced with unpaid time to work on my CDE, when other clinicians get to work on the clock to obtain. I'd like to change this disparity.

At Terry Reilly, we have a dental auxiliary staff of 50. Within that 50 is a small portion who are certified by DANB as CDAs. I was inspired to help my dental assistant team by creating a sort of "quickstart" guidebook for CDAs. The goal is for this guidebook to be approved by administration for distribution amongst DA staff. The book can be used to organize CDE and be worked on throughout the year at the convenience of the dental assistant in question. No longer should CDAs at Terry Reilly be unpaid for working on a certification that is contingent to their job. Being able to work on company time is not only beneficial on a financial level, but also on an educational level. Stakeholders to benefit would be any dental assistants that make use of the guidebook, but also patients, as a more knowledgeable CDA could very well assist with patient education.

Section 2: Elements coming together

Innovative Approach

Healthcare is very much built on the shoulder of teamwork between various cogs in the system. From clinicians, to patients, to insurance companies, to administration, etc. healthcare is a team based sport one might say. Innovation is meant to be challenged and improved upon in healthcare. That being said, with my observations of how lacking resources there were for dental

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assistants, I took it upon myself to take on the task of figuring out a better way of distributing CDE resources for my own team. The foundation of my project came in the form of our Job aids and training guides. Following their Terry Reilly approved formatting, I was able to model my guidebook so that I can submit it for review with Administration and the Training Team.

From an administrative perspective, having these resources on hand will allow staff to be actively working on upholding their certifications on paid time. From a clinical perspective, staff working on continuing education will have a further skill pool expanded compared to their non certified counterparts. It might also instill those who aren't certified to obtain one as a means to increase salary pay. Combining these perspectives leads to a more educated workforce. Dental assistants are also clinicians, thus should be given the appropriate resources that other clinician staff have available.

Emotional Intelligence

This segways into why demonstrating daily teamwork involves emotional intelligence. Sometimes it can feel like you're another cog in the system, but it is in combination with others that makes time flow by tranquilly. My emotional intelligence evokes empathy for my teammates who are certified just like me. Being able to work on an idea or project that values benefits to a multitude of stakeholders is more in line with the common good. Healthcare in my experience has been demonstrating what it means to fight for the common good, for a healthier wellbeing of the community.

With this guidebook, a means to draw out incentives from employees who would be curious to what an additional certification can do for their status as a DA would certainly be beneficial. This demonstrates the awareness of not only ensuring personal beneficiary stakes but

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a communal one. This has remained constant throughout the proposal process and the project implementation. With a certification comes potential pay raise and role amongst levels one, two, and three. Level one is entry level with or without a CDA and level three being a lead position which requires a CDA. I'm a level two and was hired on with a CDA already in hand. I am quite familiar with my own requirements but that doesn't mean everyone else is. Also, CE is something I find most frustrating to search for on your own, so having a compilation of these resources will greatly help CDAs to research what is required for renewal. The value of one can greatly improve the common good even within a professional setting.

Creative Thinking

With the foundation of seeing a familiar format in the job aids that we get, I felt it only natural to format my guidebook as such. I feel like this is unique in the way that it'll act as a map to find where CDE is available for free! Each DA will be able to save their own progress by downloading the guidebook and proceeding with how they individually want to tackle CDE acquisition. All of this can be tracked in the guidebook itself and saved onto the company (T:) drive into personal staff folders. DAs can work as they go for the whole year and refer back to it in the future to find new CE courses being offered. This pushes incentive to make use of company time to work on the book, instead of at home unpaid!

Your Innovative Solution

Up to the present, being auxiliary supporting staff, it makes sense why assistants aren't given equitable treatment that Dentists and Hygienists are given for them to have paid time off to pursue dental continuing education privileges. Providers get to go to conferences or other online forums and are being paid to do so. My project is innovative in the fact that it actually focuses on

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providing for the auxiliary supporting staff that are left ignored. To me this comes across as ironic, due to the fact that there's a dental assistant shortage in the workforce, and is a much sought after position to be filled, but the pay in the past has not reflected the importance of such a position. In the future, I hope my guidebook compilation of resources can be used to implement some kind of future DA workshop, in-house of our company, to give recognition to our staff who are certified in the positions. Remember, certified staff have to put in more time and energy for certification renewals when there is basically no financial incentive or difference in pay compared to our certification-less counterparts.

Section 3: Results

To start off the project, I had sent out a survey. Out of 50 DA staff, 30 were interested and completed the survey. Out of that 30, 25 responses were available to be reviewed due to the limitations of the free services provided by SurveyMonkey. Out of that 25, thirteen staff members identified as being CDAs with a DANB certification. 22 out of 25 expressed having interest in maintaining or obtaining a CDA. The biggest challenge(s) to overcome was access to educational materials revolving around a CDA certification as well as obtaining CE credits. Both categories received 10 votes each. Staff have noted that the expectation of Terry Reilly is to help with CE resources, reimbursement of the renewal fees, and providing paid time to work on that CE. Out of 25, fifteen staff noted being satisfied with Terry Reilly role currently. However, it should be highlighted that 22 out of 25 responses indicated that they see a CDA certification being beneficial to their professional aspects and goals or at least could be beneficial.

Actual impact I was able to observe with three coworkers of mine. A dentist and two other dental assistants were able to listen in on my quick summation of my project. Notable

feedback included having a good format with the guidebook. The two assistants I shared this with, mind you, are both not certified. They expressed having more interest in possibly pursuing the certification now that there are additional resources they have access to. I was able to find four primary free sources of CDE, three of which DANB specifically recommends. A special thanks to Crest in partnership with Oral B, Colgate, Vida Learning, and Hu-Friedy for being CDE fountains of knowledge. My references will show them as main sources.

Section 4: Conclusion

Dental Assistants within the company who are certified have the most to gain. That includes myself. Those who are not certified, have expressed greater interest in pursuing the certification. Dentists can feel more confident in their CDAs who work with them. Patients benefit from having a more knowledgeable assistant who has taken continuing dental education courses. Due to time constraints, having the training team review the guidebook before the class ends would have been more beneficial to do. The earliest I could see the guidebook distributed would be on December 19th during our All Staff Dental Meeting, in which we as a whole department go over our agenda and have activities and discussion planned. To my dismay, my Dental Director is on a week-long out-of-state work trip, while my Dental Supervisor went on a recent vacation. I really did not expect for my higher ups to be gone during the final week of the project and this would be a change I'd like to make, however I will be meeting with them once they return. I'm confident that this token of perseverance will be looked upon fondly by fellow staff. Sometimes tackling an obstacle by yourself can set you up for good standing, as well as gratitude and appreciation, from the rest of the team. My hope was to make the hunt for CDE

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much more accessible and less anxiety driven. I've chosen to put value into my certification, and I will make use of its full potential. Let this be an inspiration for others to follow suit.

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Chris Ponte's Quickstart CDA Guidebook:

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Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)

This job aid serves as a reference guide for all Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) staff and those who wish to become certified through the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB). An overview of criteria and resources provided inside act to help staff better organize and plan around certification acquisition and renewal.

DANB- CDA Exams



1. CDA certifications are earned through taking an exam through DANB on their website:
<https://www.danb.org/exams/exam/cda-exam>
 - a. Cost as of December 2023 is \$450 which includes three separate exams



Certified Dental Assistant

Passing the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam is a milestone achievement. Learn about the exam requirements, how to apply, how to prepare, and what to expect on exam day.

\$450

APPLY

* for financial assistance, fill out a Reimbursement Voucher that can be sent to you by your supervisor or found on the (T:) Drive.

2. Click APPLY to begin the registration process. A professional email (work or personal) will be needed

Login




**Forgot Username
or Password?**

**New Customer?
Click here**



*use Mozilla Firefox for PC/Mac

3. When registering take note that the CDA certification requires a score of: PASS on three different tests
 - a. Infection Control Exam (ICE)
 - b. Radiation Health and Safety Exam (RHS)
 - c. General Chairside Assisting Exam (GC)
4. (Note: all three can be taken individually priced at \$270 each. It is recommended to take all three as a bundle deal under the CDA package however)
5. Outlines for each exam can be accessed to help with preparation for taking each exam:
<https://www.danb.org/exams/prepare-for-danb-exams>

- a.  [GC Exam Outline](#)
[Download](#)
- b.  [ICE Exam Outline](#)
[Download](#)
- c.  [RHS Exam Outline](#)
[Download](#)

6. Refer to CDA Application Packet for further details on this process:
https://danbsfprodassets.azureedge.net/assets/docs/default-source/national-application-packets/cda-application-packet.pdf?sfvrsn=f411f6c5_9
7. Timeline and Requirements

Timeline & Requirements

TEST WINDOW

60 DAYS

TEST TIME

195 MINUTES

TEST QUESTIONS

255 QUESTIONS

8. Take a look at this embedded video for more clarification:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSb4X6ifzjo>

DANB- Maintain CDA certification

1. Annual renewal of certification requirements:
 - a. Pay a nonrefundable renewal fee of \$75
 - b. Maintain a CPR certification
 - c. Complete Continuing Dental Education (CDE or CE)
2. Please reach out to HR for reminders on when your certifications expire and will need to be renewed.
3. Renewals can be made online through DANB's website:
<https://www.danb.org/certification/renew>

Renew online

You can renew your certification online up to two months before your certification expiration date. You can view your certification expiration date on your certificate or by logging in to your account. You will also receive an email letting you know when it's time to renew.

To renew online, log in to your account. Then, click the "Renew Now" button under the notifications section of your account dashboard. Follow the instructions to complete the renewal process.

RENEW ONLINE NOW

Continuing Dental Education (CDE or CE)

Please refer to the DANB 2023 Recertification Requirements handbook:

https://danbsprodassets.azureedge.net/assets/docs/default-source/recertification-and-renewal/recertification-requirements.pdf?sfvrsn=e1a8259a_9

# of Certifications	Total CDE Credits	Annual Fee*
1	12	\$75
2	18	\$90
3	24	\$110
4	30	\$130
5	36	\$150
6	42	\$170

*\$20 late fee added after expiration date

1. To maintain your CDA certification, 12 credits of CDE are needed.
2. CDE must pertain to Dentistry or Dental Assisting to maintain or improve dental assisting knowledge.
3. CDE is calculated in 15-minute increments i.e. 45 min = .75 credit, 1 hour = 1 credit
4. Thus 12 CDE credits = 12 hours
5. Please take note that DANB requires:
 - a. 1 CDE credit pertaining to OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens standard.
 - b. 2 CDE credits pertaining to Infection Control, Prevention, or Safety.
 - c. All other CDE credits must directly relate to clinical dentistry practice such as but not limited to: dental materials, four-handed dentistry, infection control, radiology, expanded functions, behavior management, communication, and canine or feline dentistry
6. During time of renewal, DANB will not ask for proof of CDE credits. However, random audits may be performed, in which at that time you'll need to provide proof of CDE credits.
7. Suggestion: you may use your own personal company folder in the (T:) Drive to save all CDE proof of completion certificates you may earn online. These are normally earned through completing short exams over your reviewed topic or CDE article or webinar. Sometimes there are read to completion articles as well.
8. Saves these certificates of completion under (T:) Drive -> Dental -> Personal Folders -> (Search for your own name)

9. At this time create a new folder titling it with CDE credits and the current year cycle
10. Save any .JPEG, .PDF, or any other file types to these folders and keep them organized for when an audit may be performed
11. Suggestion: save those folders onto a personal flash drive to archive into your own personal records at home.
12. Suggestion: Your DANB account also has a CDE storage folder, in which case you can upload your file types according as a third place of record keeping



My Continuing Dental Education

No records found.

Add CDE

CDE Resources



1. Free Dental CE
 - a. <https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us>
 - i. Provided by Crest and Oral B
 - b. <https://www.colgateoralhealthnetwork.com/>
 - i. Provided by Colgate
 - c. <https://vivalearning.com/>
 - i. Provided by the Academy of General Dentistry
 - d. <https://www.hufriedygroup.com/en/education/continuing-education-classes>
 - i. Provided by Hu-Friedy Group
2. Paid Dental CE
 - a. <https://www.nnoha.org/pages-1/training-%26-services-%7C-webinar-%26-continuing-education-credit-policy>
 - i. Provided by the National Network of Oral Health Access
 - b. <https://www.dalefoundation.org/courses/dental-CE>
 - i. Provided by the Dale Foundation

Sign-Up

1. Find the register or sign-up links within each corresponding Free Dental CE link.
2. Recommend to use professional private or work email.

3. Save the paid CDE as an absolute last resort. There should be a wide collection of free CDE to not have to worry about out of pocket costs.

Bloodborne Pathogen CDE (1 credit needed)



Postexposure Evaluation and Follow-up

COURSE NUMBER: 472

Michael A. Huber, DDS; Geza T. Terezhalmay, DDS, MA

This course presents concept of postexposure management of healthcare personnel and provides evidence-based guidance on the importance of prompt wound care, reporting, and evaluation of occupational exposures to pathogenic organisms, the ti...[View More](#)

CE Credits:	Date Course Online:	Last Revision Date:	Course Expiration Date:
1 Hour(s)	Sep 1, 2015	Aug 31, 2023	Aug 30, 2026

<https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/ce-courses/ce472>



HIV: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Personnel

COURSE NUMBER: 97

Michael A. Huber, DDS; Geza T. Terezhalmay, DDS, MA

This course presents the background essential to understand the transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in healthcare settings and provides evidence based information related to post-exposure prophylaxis and follow-up.

CE Credits:	Date Course Online:	Last Revision Date:	Course Expiration Date:
2 Hour(s)	Sep 8, 2009	Sep 13, 2023	Sep 12, 2026

<https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/ce-courses/ce97>



Update on Vaccinations for Dental Healthcare Personnel

article by Fiona Collins

<https://www.colgateoralhealthnetwork.com/article/update-on-vaccinations-for-dental-healthcare-personnel/>



► **OSHA and Infection Control Made Easy For Dental Facilities 2023**

Presenter: Dr. Karson Carpenter

CE Supporter: Viva Learning

Release Date: 7/22/23

Expiration Date: 7/22/26

CE Credits: 2 CEU (Self-Study)



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OSHA requirements include an annual retraining session for all employees. This webinar will help fulfill these requirements and will update participants on the latest from OSHA, including the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) for Hazard Communication and the Bloodborne Disease Pathogens Standard. In addition, the webinar covers the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Infection Control Guidelines for Dentistry.

<https://vivalearning.com/on-demand-dental-ce-course/osha-and-infection-control-made-easy-for-dental-facilities-2023>



► **Infection Control In the Post Pandemic Period**

Presenter: Dr. Karson Carpenter

CE Supporter: Cranberry

Release Date: 11/21/23

Expiration Date: 11/21/26

CE Credits: 1 CEU (Self-Study)



View Full Description »

All employees must receive infection control training. This CE webinar will update participants on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Infection Control Guidelines for Dentistry. In addition, a review of best practices for infection control in the post-pandemic period will be included. We will also cover the following topics: standard precautions, immunization requirements, work restrictions, hand hygiene, PPE, bloodborne and airborne disease, instrument sterilization protocols, hard surface disinfection, sterilization requirements for high and low speed handpieces, preventing sterilization "disasters", spore testing requirements, dental unit water quality and testing requirements, and infection control in the lab.

<https://vivalearning.com/on-demand-dental-ce-course/infection-control-in-the-post-pandemic-period>

Infection Control CDE (2 credits needed)



Introduction to Infection Prevention

COURSE NUMBER: 582

Barbara A. MacNeill, DMD, MS; Michael A. Huber, DDS

This course, advisory in nature and informational in content, introduces participants to (1) concepts related to the "chain of infection" and Standard and Transmission-based Precautions; (2) discusses factors that affect the quality of an ef...[View More](#)

CE Credits:	Date Course Online:	Last Revision Date:	Course Expiration Date:
2 Hour(s)	Jul 1, 2019	Dec 30, 2022	Dec 29, 2025

<https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/ce-courses/ce582>



Hand Hygiene

COURSE NUMBER: 590

Barbara A. MacNeill, DMD, MS; Michael A. Huber, DDS

This course presents the background essential to understand the importance of hand hygiene in healthcare settings and provides evidence based information related to handwashing; hand antisepsis, i.e., antiseptic handwash and antiseptic hand...[View More](#)

CE Credits:	Date Course Online:	Last Revision Date:	Course Expiration Date:
2 Hour(s)	Oct 22, 2019	Sep 28, 2022	Sep 27, 2025

<https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/ce-courses/ce590>



Back to the Future: Basics and Updates in Infection Control

webinar with Fiona Collins

<https://www.colgateoralhealthnetwork.com/webinar/back-to-the-future-basics-and-updates-in-infection-control/>



► **Why Are Sterilization Indicators and Integrators So Important for Patient Safety?**

Presenter: Mary Govoni, CDA, RDA, RDH, MBA

CE Supporter: Halyard

Release Date: 7/18/23

Expiration Date: 7/18/26

CE Credits: 1 CEU (Self-Study)



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While dental practice focus on weekly monitoring of their sterilizers with biological indicators or spore tests, each sterilization pouch or wrapped pack/cassette must have indicators that validate that the instruments have been exposed to all the parameters for sterilization. In addition a indicating integrator must also be used to validate each sterilization load. In this CE webinar, learn more about the types of indicators and integrators and how to incorporate them appropriately into your sterilization process.

<https://vivalearning.com/on-demand-dental-ce-course/why-are-sterilization-indicators-and-integrators-so-important-for-patient-safety>



► **Balancing Infection Prevention, Efficiency and Environmental Responsibility**

Presenter: Mary Govoni, CDA, RDA, RDH, MBA

CE Supporter: Cranberry

Release Date: 8/1/23

Expiration Date: 8/1/26

CE Credits: 1 CEU (Self-Study)



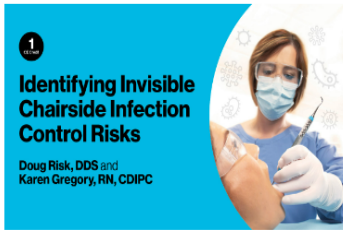
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Dental practices are influenced by numerous factors outside the dental office, including environmental concerns related to the consumption of disposable products. What can dental practices do to reduce, reuse, and recycle? Is it possible for a dental practice to be "green" and follow appropriate infection control protocols? This CE webinar will answer these questions and highlight disposable products that have less of an impact on the environment.

<https://vivalearning.com/on-demand-dental-ce-course/balancing-infection-prevention-efficiency-and-environmental-responsibility>



<https://www.hufriedygroup.com/en/education/continuing-education-classes>



1
CE Credit

Identifying Invisible Chairside Infection Control Risks
Doug Risk, DDS and Karen Gregory, RN, CDIPC

Identifying Invisible Chairside Infection Control Risks

Presenter: DOUG RISK, DDS and KAREN GREGORY, RN, CDIPC

Take The Course




1
CE Credit

Surface Disinfection Back to Basics
John Molinari, PhD
Kimberly Grensavitch, M.J, BA, RDH

Surface Disinfection: Back to Basics

Presenters: JOHN MOLINARI, PHD AND KIMBERLY GRENSAVITC, M.J, BA, RDH

Take The Course



1
CE Credit

PROTECT WHAT'S BEHIND THE MASK

HuFriedyGroup
The Best In Practice

Protect What's Behind the Mask

Presenters: Leann Keefer, RDH, BSEd, MSM

Take The Course




1
CE Credit

Everywhere You Turn... There's a Risk Of Infection

Everywhere You Turn There is a Risk of Infection

Presenters: LEANN KEEFER, RDH, BSEd, MSM

Take The Course




1
CE Credit

Aerosol Safety Evidence and Practical Implications

Aerosol Safety: Evidence and Practical Implications

Presenters: Mary Govoni, CDA, RDH, MBA & Dr. John Molinari

Take The Course



1
CE Credit

Making Cents Out of COVID-19

Making Cents Out of COVID-19

Presenters: Mary Govoni, CDA, RDH, MBA & JESSICA WILSON, MPH

Take The Course

Miscellaneous CDE (Remaining 9 credits)

1. It is encouraged that you search topics that interest you within Dentistry. Topics searchable include but are not limited to: dental materials, four-handed dentistry, oral surgery, radiology, endodontics, periodontics, orthodontics, prosthodontics, dental ergonomics, pediatric dentistry, geriatric dentistry, expanded functions, behavior management, dental office management, communication, and canine or feline dentistry. Below you will find a sample of topics.



Speak Spanglish: Caring for the Latin Community

COURSE NUMBER: 675

Amber Lovatos, RDH, BSDH

The “meta” or goal of this course is to equip dental professionals to better understand the cultural factors affecting our patients’ behaviors so that we can increase equity in the minority community. You will learn the “why” behind some of...[View More](#)

CE Credits:	Date Course Online:	Last Revision Date:	Course Expiration Date:
1.5 Hour(s)	Aug 10, 2023	Aug 11, 2023	Aug 10, 2024

<https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/ce-courses/ce675>



You Are What You Eat: Nutrition and Periodontal Health

COURSE NUMBER: 664

Maria L. Geisinger, DDS, MS

This course seeks to review the association between micronutrient levels and periodontitis and the underlying physiologic mechanisms of interaction between micronutrient consumption and periodontal health or disease.

CE Credits:	Date Course Online:	Last Revision Date:	Course Expiration Date:
2 Hour(s)	Aug 3, 2023	NA	Aug 2, 2026

<https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/ce-courses/ce664>



Staffing: Seven Steps to Build a Superior Team

COURSE NUMBER: 700

Roger P. Levin, DDS

Staffing and teambuilding have always been a challenge in dentistry, as they are in most other businesses. Staffing and teambuilding are not as simple as just hiring the right people. There are seven steps required to build and maintain a s...[View More](#)

CE Credits:	Date Course Online:	Last Revision Date:	Course Expiration Date:
1 Hour(s)	Aug 3, 2023	NA	Aug 2, 2026

<https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/ce-courses/ce700>



Sealants: The Added Link in Prevention

COURSE NUMBER: 673

Joan G. Ellison, RDH, BS, MS; Richie Kohli, BDS, MS; Jeanette MacLean, DDS, Diplomate, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, FAAPD, FPFA, FACD

This course presents an overview of dental pit and fissure sealants as a safe and effective way to prevent dental caries. The course starts with a brief look at the history of dental sealants followed by the current rationale for their use....[View More](#)

CE Credits:	Date Course Online:	Last Revision Date:	Course Expiration Date:
2 Hour(s)	May 2, 2023	NA	May 1, 2026

<https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/ce-courses/ce673>



Perfect Posture Mechanics: Part I - Dentistry and Your Body

COURSE NUMBER: 667

Stephanie Botts, RDH, BSDH, CEAS








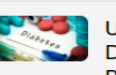
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