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DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Proposed Third 15-Day Modified Text
(§§ 1103, 1105, and 1105.1, tit. 16, Cal. Code Regs.)

[Note: The originally proposed regulatory text is indicated by plain type. The first 15-day modifications to the originally proposed text are indicated by ~~double-strikeout~~ for deleted text and double underline for added text. The proposed second 15-day modifications are indicated in underline to indicate additions and ~~strike through~~ to indicate deletions. The proposed third 15-day modifications are indicated by ~~**bold italics double-strikeout**~~ for deleted text and **bold italics double underline** for added text and are highlighted for ease of location. The symbol “* * * *” means that intervening text not proposed for modification is not shown]

§ 1103. Definitions.

For purposes of this division, the term:

(a) "Academic year" means a period of education consisting of a minimum of forty-five (45) quarter units, thirty (30) semester units, or a duration deemed equivalent thereto by the Committee.

(b) "Analgesia" means a state of decreased sensibility to pain, such as that produced by using nitrous oxide and oxygen with or without local anesthesia.

(c) "Approved accreditation standards" means for the purposes of this section those standards contained in the Commission on Dental Accreditation's "Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Programs (as last revised February 6, 2015.)" which is hereby incorporated by reference and referenced throughout this article.

(ed) "Clinical instruction" means instruction in which students receive supervised patient care experiences in performing procedures in a clinical setting to achieve safe and effective clinical outcomes. The instructor to student ratio shall meet approved accreditation standards ~~as referenced in subsection (c) of section 1103 of contained in the Commission on Dental Accreditation's "Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Programs (Effective January 1, 2013)" hereby incorporated by reference and referenced throughout~~ this article.

(ee) "Clinical practice" means the planned learning experiences designed for students to apply dental hygiene knowledge and skills to meet course objectives in a variety of Committee-approved clinical settings. Clinical practice may include learning experiences provided in various settings, including, but not limited to, dental hygiene skills labs, simulation labs, and computer labs, as well as health care agencies.

(ef) "Clinical setting" means a setting that accommodates patient care.

(fg) "Clinical outcome" is the result derived from a specific intervention or treatment.

(gh) "Competencies" means statements describing the abilities needed to practice dental hygiene, including skills, understanding, and professional values, that are performed independently in realistic settings.

(hj) "Competent" means possessing the knowledge, skills and values required in the dental hygiene process of care to practice dental hygiene or provide instruction within a dental hygiene educational program.

(ji) "Curriculum" means an organized set of courses of learning which are prerequisite to the award of a degree or diploma.

(jk) "Dental hygiene process of care" means the application of scientific, evidence-based knowledge in the identification and treatment of actual or potential patient health problems as related to oral health.

The dental hygiene process of care includes: ~~assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis, planning and outcome identification, implementation, evaluation and documentation,~~

- 1) Comprehensive collection of patient data to identify the physical and oral health status;
- 2) Analysis of assessment findings and use of critical thinking in order to address the patient's dental hygiene treatment needs;
- 3) Establishment of a dental hygiene care plan that reflects the realistic goals and treatment strategies to facilitate optimal oral health;
- 4) Provision of patient-centered treatment and evidence-based care in a manner minimizing risk and optimizing oral health;
- 5) Measurement of the extent to which goals identified in the dental hygiene care plan are achieved;
- 6) Complete and accurate recording of all documentation relevant to patient care.

and will serve as the accepted professional standard for decision making. **These standards are located in the approved accreditation standards incorporated by referenced in section 1103(c) of this article.** ~~The dental hygiene diagnosis is a component of the overall dental diagnosis. It is the identification of an existing or potential oral health problem that a dental hygienist is educationally qualified and licensed to treat. The dental hygiene diagnosis utilizes critical decision making skills to reach conclusions about the patient's dental needs based on all available assessment data.~~

(kl) "Didactic instruction" means instruction through lectures, seminars or demonstrations, as distinguished from clinical or laboratory instruction.

(lm) "Distance education" means education to deliver instruction to students who are separated from the instructor and to support regular and substantive interaction between the students and instructor, either synchronously or asynchronously using one or more of the following technologies:

- (1) the internet;
- (2) one-way and two-way transmissions through open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, broadband lines, fiber optics, satellite or wireless communication devices;
- (3) audio conferencing;
- (4) video cassettes, DVDs, and CD-ROMS, if the cassettes, DVDs or CD-ROMS are used in a course in conjunction with any of the technologies listed in (l)(1-3).

(mn) "Educational program" means a progressive or planned system of training, instruction or study.

(no) "Goal" means an intention or expectation that requires several tasks to produce the desired result.

(op) "Graduate" means a dental hygiene student who has completed all required studies within a dental hygiene educational program and has obtained a degree.

(pq) "Homebound" means a person who is unable to receive care in a dental office or clinic due to a disabling physical or mental condition.

(qr) "Laboratory instruction" means instruction designed to perform procedures using instructional materials in which students receive supervised experience performing procedures. The instructor to student ratio shall meet approved accreditation standards **referenced in subsection (c) of section 1103 of this article.**

(rs) "Learning experience" means those activities planned for students by the faculty that are designed to meet the objectives of the required course of instruction, including the basic standards of competent performance.

(st) "Learning outcomes" are statements that clearly state the expected knowledge, skills, values and competencies that students are expected to acquire in both didactic and clinical coursework.

(tu) "Local anesthesia" is the temporary loss of sensation, such as pain, in the oral cavity, produced by an injected anesthetic agent without inducing loss of consciousness.

(uv) "Mission" means an institution's stated educational reasons to exist. The mission shall have all of the following characteristics:

- (1) It shall include the institution's goals concerning the education which students will receive, including the acquisition of the body of knowledge presented in the educational program, the development of intellectual, analytical, and critical abilities, and the fostering of values such as a commitment to pursue lifelong learning;
- (2) It shall relate to the educational expectations of the institution's students and faculty and the community which the institution serves.

(vw) "Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen" is an inhalation agent used to achieve analgesia.

(wx) "Outcomes assessment" means an ongoing process aimed at improving student learning that includes a profile of measures evaluating the effectiveness of the program in meeting its goals and learning outcomes.

(xy) "Preclinical instruction" means instruction in which students receive supervised experience using instructional materials to prepare them for clinical experiences to achieve safe and effective clinical outcomes. The instructor to student ratio shall meet approved accreditation standards **referenced in subsection (c) of section 1103 of this article.**

(yz) "Quarter" means at least ten (10) weeks of instruction.

(za) "Quarter unit" means at least ten (10) hours of college or university level instruction during a quarter, ~~plus a reasonable period of~~ Additional time outside of instruction ~~which an institution requires~~

may be required for a student to devote to preparation for planned learning experiences, such as preparation for instruction, study of course material, or completion of educational projects.

(a**ab**) "Remedial education" means education designed to achieve competency required for initial, continuation, or reinstatement of licensure, and may be required for purposes of discipline. Remedial Education is the act or process of correcting a deficiency and its intent is to restore skills to competency.

(a**bc**) "Semester" means at least fifteen (15) weeks of instruction.

(a**cd**) "Semester unit" means at least fifteen (15) hours of college or university level instruction during a semester, ~~plus a reasonable period of~~ Additional time outside of instruction ~~which an institution requires~~ may be required for a student to devote to preparation for planned learning experiences, such as preparation for instruction, study of course material, or completion of educational projects.

(a**de**) "Service learning" is a teaching and learning experience that combines community service with academic preparation. Students engaged in service learning learn about their roles as dental professionals through provision of patient care and related services in response to community-based problems.

(a**ef**) "Sponsoring institution" means an institution of higher education approved or who has applied for approval for a dental hygiene educational program. If the sponsoring institution has more than one campus, the campus where the physical location of the educational program exists shall be deemed the sponsoring institution.

(a**fg**) "Staff" means professional, technical, and clerical employees of the institution to support its educational program.

(a**gh**) "Technology" means equipment, tools, and devices that are used to facilitate and support teaching and learning.

(a**hi**) "Wet laboratory" is a term used to distinguish classical benchtop experiments handling biological material from computer analysis or other theoretical work.

Note: Authority cited: Section 1905, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 1905 and 1917, Business and Professions Code.

§ 1105. Requirements for RDH Educational Programs.

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(b) Instruction.

(1) Instruction upon all levels shall be conducted upon the premise that dental hygiene education must meet the test of a true university discipline and shall include lectures, laboratory experiments and exercises and clinical practice under supervision by the faculty.

(2) For purposes of this section the term "university discipline" is a level of instruction at least equivalent to that level of instruction represented by college courses in the basic sciences commonly offered or accepted in approved California dental schools.

(3) The length of instruction in the educational program shall include two academic years of fulltime instruction at the postsecondary college level or its equivalent, and a minimum of 1,600 clock hours.

(4) The instructor to student ratio shall meet approved Commission on Dental Accreditation standards **referenced in subsection (c) of section 1103 of this article.**

(5) Instruction involving procedures that require direct supervision by a dentist shall be supervised by a faculty dentist who possesses an active California license or special permit with no disciplinary actions.

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(e) The educational program shall have a written plan ~~as required by the Commission on Dental Accreditation~~ for evaluation of all aspects of the program, including admission and selection policy and procedures, attrition and retention of students, curriculum management, patient care competencies, ethics and professionalism, critical thinking, and outcomes assessment, including means of student achievement. If the program has **submitted** a written plan ~~to as required by~~ the Commission on Dental Accreditation which includes each of the elements listed above, a copy of such plan may be submitted to **the Committee to** meet this requirement.

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(i) The educational program shall have learning resources, including faculty, library, staff and support services, technology and physical space and equipment, including laboratory and clinical facilities, to support the program's stated mission and goals and in accordance with approved accreditation standards **referenced in subsection (c) of section 1103 of this article.**

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Note: Authority cited: Section 1905, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 1905 and 1941, Business and Professions Code.

§ 1105.1. Faculty.

(a) "Program Director" or "Interim Program Director" means a registered dental hygienist or dentist who has the authority and responsibility to administer the educational program in accordance with approved accreditation standards **referenced in subsection (c) of section 1103 of this article.** The educational program may have an Interim Program Director for a maximum of twelve (12) months. The director shall have a full-time appointment as defined by the institution, whose primary responsibility is for the operation, supervision, evaluation and revision of the program. The program director shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

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Note: Authority cited: Section 1905, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 1905 and 1941, Business and Professions Code.