

## Comparison of Florida Department of Health and NBC CDT Continuing Education Requirements (May 2010)

	Number of Hours	Required Courses	Additional Requirements
<b>NBC – CDT</b>	<b>12 Hours – Annually</b>	<b>1 Hour – Regulatory Standards</b> (Topics include OSHA, FDA, HIPPA, CPR, Dental Ethics)  FDA = Food and Drug Administration OSHA = Occupational Safety and Health Administration	<b>6 Hours – Documented Scientific</b>  <b>5 Hours – Professional Development</b> (Or any combination)
<b>State of Florida CE Requirements for Dental Laboratories</b>	<b>18 Hours – Every two years</b>	<b>1 Hour – FL Laws and Rules of Dental Laboratories and Dental Technicians</b> (this topic counts for NBC Regulatory Standards as well)  <b>2 Hours – Prevention of Medical Errors</b> (on either OSHA or FDA)	<b>15 Hours – General</b> Any Combination

### What You Need to Know to be in Compliance

<b>NBC – CDT</b>	In order for a <b>Florida CDT</b> to also meet Florida state requirements, they need “1” hour on Florida laws and rules for dental laboratories every two years.
<b>All Florida Labs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Who is responsible for attaining all 18 hours of Continuing Education?</b> Each Florida dental laboratory for their February 2012 state registration renewal must prove that a person employed by the laboratory for one full year at full time status has acquired 18 hour of continuing education credit approved by the Florida Board of Dentistry. Florida requires every business that is registered as a dental laboratory with the Florida Department of Health to document that the owner of the laboratory, or a dental technician who is employed full time by the laboratory, maintains 18 hours of approved continuing education in dental technology every two years.</li> <li>▪ <b>Can laboratories split up the total continuing education hours between employees?</b> Laboratories may not split the required continuing education credit between employees.</li> <li>▪ <b>Where can I get my credits and how do I know if the courses I attend will be accepted by the State of Florida?</b> The designated laboratory employee may obtain continuing education credits through online offerings, home study or in person courses. It is the responsibility of the laboratory to ensure a course is approved for Florida credits.                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Florida Dental Laboratory Association and the Florida Dental Association are automatically accepted as approved providers of acceptable continuing education credits by the Florida Board of Dentistry.</li> <li>○ Suppliers, schools or other entities may be approved by the Florida Board of Dentistry to provide credits, after completing an application which can currently be found on <a href="http://www.cebroker.com">www.cebroker.com</a>. You may find a list of courses approved by the Florida Board of Dentistry at <a href="http://www.cebroker.com">www.cebroker.com</a>. Online courses and courses outside the state of Florida are eligible for approval.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>What is the timeframe in which I must attain all 18 hours?</b> All of the 18 hours that will be required with the February 2012 registration renewal must have been collected between March 2010 and February 2012. Credits earned before March 2010 will NOT be counted towards the required 18 hours of continuing education required in February 2012.</li> <li>▪ <b>Sworn Affidavit and Certificates of Attendance</b> Florida laboratories will be required to submit a sworn affidavit with their February 2012 registration renewal listing the date, location, sponsor, subject matter and hours of completed continuing education for the designated employee. The laboratory will also be required to keep backup receipts, certificates of completion or vouchers for the submitted courses in case the state requests the information. The state may request this backup information at any time, or may select laboratories at random to audit.</li> </ul>

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