

**WAC 246-817-773 Continuing education for dentists administering sedation.** Continuing education must contribute to the professional knowledge and development of the licensed dentist to enhance sedation services provided to patients.

(1) The continuing education reporting period for a licensed dentist that administers sedation in Washington before December 31, 2023, begins January 1, 2024.

(2) The five-year continuing education reporting period for a licensed dentist that administers minimal sedation with nitrous oxide or minimal sedation in Washington on January 1, 2024, or later begins the date of first administration of sedation.

(3) The three-year continuing education reporting period for a licensed dentist initially issued a moderate sedation with enteral agents, moderate sedation with parenteral agents, pediatric sedation endorsement, or general anesthesia permit in Washington on January 1, 2024, or later begins the date of permit issuance.

(4) A licensed dentist who holds a valid permit or endorsement shall complete required hours of continuing education in one or more of the subject categories as required in below table.

|   | WAC 246-817-740<br>Minimal sedation<br>with nitrous oxide –<br>7 hours | WAC 246-817-745<br>Minimal sedation –<br>7 hours | WAC 246-817-755<br>Moderate sedation<br>with enteral agents –<br>7 hours | WAC 246-817-760<br>Moderate sedation<br>with parenteral<br>agents – 14 hours | WAC 246-817-765<br>Pediatric sedation<br>endorsement – 14<br>hours | WAC 246-817-770<br>General anesthesia<br>and deep sedation –<br>18 hours |
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| Appropriate use of immobilization devices |  |  |  |  | X  |  |
| ACLS                                      | X  | X  | X  |  |  |  |
| Behavioral management                     |  |  |  |  |  | X  |
| General anesthesia                        |  |  |  |  |  | X  |
| Inhalation analgesia                      |  |  |  |  |  | X  |
| Medical emergencies                       | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  |
| Nitrous oxide analgesia                   | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  |  |
| Oral or intravenous sedation              |  |  |  | X  |  |  |
| Oral sedation                             | X  | X  | X  |  |  |  |
| PALS                                      | X  | X  | X  | X  |  | X  |
| Patient evaluation                        | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  |
| Patient monitoring                        | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  |
| Pediatric behavioral management           |  |  |  |  | X  |  |
| Pediatric pharmacology                    |  |  |  |  | X  |  |
| Pediatric physiological                   |  |  |  |  | X  |  |
| Pediatric sedation                        |  |  |  |  | X  |  |
| Pharmacology                              |  |  |  | X  |  | X  |
| Physiology                                | X  | X  | X  | X  |  | X  |

(5) Verification of completion of continuing education hours will be due on the dentist's sedation permit renewal date beginning in 2027.

(6) Continuing education in subject categories identified in subsection (4) of this section may be completed using any of the activities or methods authorized in WAC 246-817-440(4).

(7) Proof of continuing education requirements are listed in WAC 246-817-440(5).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.0365 and 18.32.640. WSR 24-01-033, § 246-817-773, filed 12/11/23, effective 1/11/24.]