

## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: NC Board of Dental Examiners

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 16R .0201

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

**PLEASE NOTE: This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.**

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

*In (c), should "Instructor" be capitalized in "Instructor's license"?*

*Please provide some sort of introduction at the end of (c), line 14 to lead into (c)(1) through (3). Perhaps something like "Paragraph (a) of this Rule as follows:" Please also change the periods to semi-colons at the end of (c)(1) and (c)(2) and add an "and" at the end of (c)(2).*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Date submitted to agency: July 23, 2018

21 NCAC 16R .0201 is adopted as published in 32:21 NCR 2276 as follows:

## SECTION .0200 - CONTINUING EDUCATION

### 21 NCAC 16R .0201 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED

(a) Except as permitted in Rule .0204 of this Section as a condition of license renewal, every dentist shall complete a minimum of 15 clock-hours of continuing education each calendar year.

(b) For licensees who prescribe controlled substances, One one hour of the total required continuing education hours shall consist of a course designed to address prescribing practices, including instruction on controlled substance prescribing practices and controlled substance prescribing for chronic pain management.

(c) Each applicant who receives an Instructor's license or a license to practice general dentistry after January 1, 2019, and who is actively engaged in the practice or teaching of dentistry in North Carolina shall take a six-hour course in professionalism and ethics in the first year that the applicant is required to meet the continuing education requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(1) The six-hour professionalism and ethics course shall be included in the 15 clock-hour requirement of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(2) The professionalism and ethics Course shall include segments addressing coding and billing, record keeping, informed consent, patient and staff boundaries, office management, duties delegable to dental auxiliaries, the American Dental Society's Code of Ethics, and professionalism.

(3) A dentist who receives a variance or exemption from continuing education requirements under 21 NCAC 16R .0204(a)(1),(3),or (4) shall be exempt from taking the professionalism and ethics course until such time as he or she resumes full practice. A dentist classified as a semi-retired Class II dentist shall complete the professionalism and ethics course.

~~(e)(d)~~ Any or all of the hours may be acquired through self-study courses, provided that the self-study courses are related to clinical patient care and offered by a Board-approved sponsor listed in Rule .0202 of this Section. The dentist shall pass a test following every self-study course and obtain a certificate of completion.

~~(d)(e)~~ Courses taken to maintain CPR certification shall not count toward the mandatory continuing education hours set forth in this Rule.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-31.1;*

*Eff. July 1, 2015;*

*Amended Eff. September 1, 2018; August 1, 2016;*

*Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018.*