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**DENTAL EXAMINERS  
Definition of Clinical Dental Hygiene Subject Areas for Continuing Education**

Rule 6.16 Mandatory Continuing Education for Dental Hygienists, states in part, “(a) During each full licensing period, licensed dental hygienists must satisfactorily complete ...18 hours of continuing education as provided below.

(d) Types of Education: ...15 credits or hours must be taken in clinical or didactic dental or dental hygiene subject areas. The remaining three credits or hours may be taken in non-scientific areas appropriate to the practice of dental hygiene.”

After receiving inquiries from the dental hygiene profession regarding what the definition of clinical dental hygiene subject areas for continuing education is, the Board has defined it as: “Clinical or didactic dental or dental hygiene subject areas” shall mean a hands-on or didactic (lecture based) course that has significant intellectual or practical content and is designed to directly enhance the dental hygienist’s knowledge and skill in providing clinical care to the individual patient.