

# GUIDELINE FOR DHA CONTINUING EDUCATION

This document provides an overview; reference CHAP standards and procedures (Sec. 3.10.050) for additional information.

- A total of 24 hours of online or in-person continuing education (CE) is required to renew DHA certification.
  - A maximum of 4 hours may be related to emergency medicine (this includes BLS).
- CE is not required for initial certification or a change in level.
- CE must be completed in the 24 months preceding the recertification date for a current or lapsed certification.

*EXAMPLE: If the recertification date is October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2050. CE will only be accepted if it was completed between October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2048 and October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2050. If a CE course was taken on October 10<sup>th</sup> of 2048, it would not be accepted in this scenario.*

## Approved Continuing Education Programs for DHA (Sec. 3.10.200)

### (a.) All continuing education courses must:

1. Cover one or more of the course of study subjects or competencies listed in sections 2.30.100 [PDHA I training & education requirements] through 2.30.610 [DHAT supervision & competencies];
2. Directly relate to the clinical practice of a dental health aide; and
3. Be no less than 1 hour in length

**(b.) Sponsorship.** A continuing education program that meets the above requirements in section “a” and is sponsored by any of the following organizations is considered approved by the board:

1. A certified CHA/P Training Center
2. The American Dental Association
3. The Academy of General Dentistry
4. The Alaska Dental Society
5. The Alaska Dental Hygiene Society
6. An accredited postsecondary educational institution
7. The Indian Health Service or other agencies of the Federal government; or
8. An emergency care course approved by the State of Alaska, Indian Health Service, American Heart Association, or American Red Cross

**(c.) Tribal Continuing Education Programs.** A tribal health organization can create its own CE and submit it to the CHAPCB to get it approved. If approved, it counts towards the required 24 hours.

**(d.) Self Study.** A self-study CE program sponsored by one of the organizations listed above in sections “b” or “c” that meets the requirements listed above in section “a” is considered approved by the board.

**(e.) Other.** If the CE is not sponsored by one of the above organizations, the applicant can ask the CHAPCB to approve the CE. They must submit evidence to the board that the CE meets the requirements listed above in section “a.” This evidence can be submitted with the certification application or prior to the certification application. The course will not count towards the required 24 hours of CE unless it is approved by the CHAPCB.