



Using Education Hours Towards the Currency Requirement (Hours of Practice)

One of the requirements for registration with the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba (CDHM) is 600 hours of dental hygiene practice within the three years immediately preceding your application/renewal of practising registration*. Applicants who have graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program within the past 12 months are not required to meet this requirement. In some situations, post-graduate education hours can be counted towards the 600 hour currency requirement.

*400 hours if you graduated within 24 months.

I am doing post-graduate studies. Can I remain current without working?

If your course of study is directly related to dental hygiene, you will be able to get credit for some of the hours of study. CDHM will determine if your course is directly related to the practice of dental hygiene and can be counted.

Education hours may be used to meet no more than 50% of the currency requirement in the 3 year practice hour timeframe immediately prior to the registration year.

You must maintain your practising registration with CDHM throughout the period that you wish to accrue dental hygiene education hours.

What types of education are typically approved?

Post-graduate education that leads to or results in a recognized degree or certification that is pertinent to dental hygiene practice may be approved. Examples are:

- BScDH
- Masters degree or Ph.D. degree;

The education must be from an accredited program or recognized institution.

Continuing education courses and workshops are **not** applicable.

How will CDHM determine if my course of study is acceptable?

You will be asked to supply CDHM with official documentation which clearly identifies the nature of the education including course content and credit hours. This may be the course title and number, credit hours, course description, outline and objectives (as applicable).

How do I provide proof of having completed advanced education?

You will be asked to submit your transcript and advanced degree as proof that you have completed the course.

I have not practised dental hygiene in some time. Will I be able to register with CDHM when I finish my next degree?

CDHM recognizes that newly graduated dental hygienists need to integrate theory into practice within 12 months of completing their education and that practising dental hygienists need to maintain a minimum level of practice to remain current. For these reasons, CDHM limits the opportunity to use education hours towards the currency requirement to those applicants who can provide evidence of three years of continuous practice immediately before the period of education.

I am completing my advanced education outside of Manitoba and am not currently a member of CDHM. I am considering moving to Manitoba when I graduate. Will I be able to get some credit for my education hours?

You should contact CDHM to discuss your specific situation. These types of requests are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Is there a limit to the number of education hours I will be given credit for?

The formula for calculating hours for course work is 20 X the credit hours (e.g. one half course = 3 credit hours. $20 \times 3 = 60$ hours of practice). Completion of a research-based graduate thesis which does not have credit hours designated to the thesis course number will be evaluated on an individual basis by the CDHM. In principle, a Master's level thesis, or equivalent will be credited with 720 course work hours and a Doctoral thesis, or equivalent, with 1,440 course work hours. These are in addition to the hours accumulated in completing individual courses in fulfillment of degree requirements. Education hours must constitute no more than 50% of the currency requirement in the 3 year practice hour timeframe immediately prior to the registration year.

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