



## Using Education Hours Towards the Practice Hour Requirement

One of the requirements for registration with the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba 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.

### FAQ

#### **I am doing post-graduate studies. Can I use my schooling to contribute to practice hours?**

If your course of study is directly related to dental hygiene, you are eligible to receive credit for some of your hours of study. CDHM will determine if your course is directly related to the practice of dental hygiene and qualifies for practice hours.

Education hours may be used to meet 50% of the practice hour requirement. You must maintain your practicing registration with CDHM during the period you are claiming dental hygiene education hours.

#### **What type of education is 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:

- BScDH
- Master's degree or Ph.D. degree

The education must be from an accredited program. Continuing education courses and workshops are **not** accepted.

#### **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 will include the course title and number, credit hours, course description, outline and objectives (as applicable).

#### **How do I provide proof of completing advanced education?**



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

**I have not practiced 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 practicing 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 practice hour 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, for example; a half credit course is equal to 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 practice hour requirement.

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