

**TITLE 16  
CHAPTER 5  
PART 52** **OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
DENTISTRY (DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, ETC.)  
COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR, CONTINUING EDUCATION  
REQUIREMENTS**

**16.5.52.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care.  
[16.5.52.1 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.52.2 SCOPE:** The provisions of Part 52 of Chapter 5 apply to all community dental health coordinators with current expanded function certification who are applying to renew their certificate. [16.5.52.2 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.52.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Part 52 of Chapter 5 is promulgated pursuant to the Dental Health Care Act, Section 61-5A-16 NMSA 1978 (1996 Repl. Pamp.).  
[16.5.52.3 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

#### **16.5.52.4 DURATION:** Permanent. [16.5.52.4 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.52.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 9, 2012, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[16.5.52.5 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.52.6      OBJECTIVE:** To establish the requirements for the renewal of community dental health coordinator certificates.  
[16.5.52.6 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

### 16.5.52.7 DEFINITIONS: [RESERVED]

**16.5.52.8 HOURS REQUIRED:** [36 hours of continuing education, a maximum of 12 hours can be on-line, webinars or self study, are required during each triennial renewal cycle as defined in 16.5.1 NMAC. Continuing education received after submission of renewal materials but prior to actual expiration date may be used for the requirements of the next renewal cycle. Continuing education requirements are pro rated at 12 hours per year for individuals certified for less than three years.] 36 hours of continuing education are required during each triennial renewal cycle as defined in 16.5.1 NMAC. Continuing education received after submission of renewal materials but prior to actual expiration date may be used for the requirements of the next renewal cycle. Continuing education requirements are pro-rated at 12 hours per year for individuals certified for less than three years. Initial certifications issued for less than a full year require 12 hours of continuing education for the first renewal.

**16.5.52.9 COURSES REQUIRED:** Continuing education coursework must contribute directly to the individual's professional development. The following courses are required for certification:

practice of community dental health coordinator. The following courses are required for certificate renewal:

A. as further defined in 16.5.1.16 NMAC, a course in infection control techniques and sterilization procedures over a one-year period.

[ B. proof of current certification in basic life support (BLS) or cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) accepted by the American heart association, the American red cross, or the American heart health institute (AHSI) on the self-study page.]

and health institute (ASHI); cannot be a self study course. Course 12 hours in preventive or emergency dentistry.

**B. proof of completion of a course in ethics or jurisprudence that includes topics related to the New Mexico dental board's code of ethics.**

the New Mexico dental health care act and board rules; and  
C. proof of current basic life support (BLS) or cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)  
certification accepted by the American heart association, the American heart association (AHA), the  
American red cross (ARC), or the American safety and health institute/health and safety institute  
(ASHI/HSI); cannot be a self-study course; and

D 12 hours in preventive or emergency dentistry

[16.5.52.9 NMAC - N 01/09/12; A 06/14/12; A XX/XX/2026]

**16.5.52.10 VERIFICATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION:** The board will select renewal  
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applications for verification of continuing education. Audit requests will be included with the renewal notice and those selected individuals will be asked to submit proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements. Continuing education records may be audited by the board at any time. The records identified Subsection F of 16.5.1.15 NMAC are considered acceptable forms of documentation. Continuing education records must be maintained for ~~[one year following the renewal cycle in which they are earned.]~~ four years.

[16.5.52.10 NMAC - N, 01/09/12; A, XX/XX/2026]

**16.5.52.11 EMERGENCY DEFERRAL:** A certificate holder who is unable to fulfill the continuing education requirements may apply to the board for an emergency deferral of the requirements due to extenuating circumstances as defined in 16.5.1.7 NMAC. Deferrals of up to four months may be granted by a designee of the board.

[16.5.52.11 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**HISTORY OF 16.5.52 NMAC: [RESERVED]**