

**650—25.1(153) Definitions.** For the purpose of these rules on continuing education, definitions shall apply:

*“Advisory committee.”* An advisory committee on continuing education shall be formed to review and advise the board with respect to applications for approval of sponsors or activities and requests for postapproval of activities. Its members shall be appointed by the board and consist of a member of the board, two licensed dentists with expertise in the area of professional continuing education, two licensed dental hygienists with expertise in the area of professional continuing education, and two registered dental assistants with expertise in the area of professional continuing education. The advisory committee on continuing education may tentatively approve or deny applications or requests submitted to it pending final approval or disapproval of the board at its next meeting.

*“Approved program or activity”* means a continuing education program activity meeting the standards set forth in these rules which has received advanced approval by the board pursuant to these rules.

*“Approved sponsor”* means a person or an organization sponsoring continuing education activities which has been approved by the board as a sponsor pursuant to these rules. During the time an organization, educational institution, or person is an approved sponsor, all continuing education activities of such person or organization may be deemed automatically approved provided they meet the continuing education guidelines of the board.

*“Board”* means the board of dental examiners.

*“Continuing dental education”* consists of education activities designed to review existing concepts and techniques and to update knowledge on advances in dental and medical sciences. The objective is to improve the knowledge, skills, and ability of the individual to deliver the highest quality of service to the public and professions.

Continuing dental education should favorably enrich past dental education experiences. Programs should make it possible for practitioners to attune dental practice to new knowledge as it becomes available. All continuing dental education should strengthen the skills of critical inquiry, balanced judgment and professional technique.

*“Hour”* of continuing education means one unit of credit which shall be granted for each hour of contact instruction and shall be designated as a “clock hour.” This credit shall apply to either academic or clinical instruction.

*“Licensee”* means any person licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the state of Iowa.

*“Registrant”* means any person registered to practice as a dental assistant in the state of Iowa.