

Guidance for Jointly Accredited Providers Offering Continuing Dental Education Credit

The American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP), administered by the ADA Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR), provides the dental community a mechanism to select quality continuing dental education (CE) with confidence and promotes the continuous improvement of continuing dental education. ADA CERP also provides dental regulatory agencies with a sound basis for acceptance of CE credits that are mandated by licensing jurisdictions in the United States for maintenance of dental licensure.

When awarding continuing dental education credit, jointly accredited organizations must comply with ADA CERP requirements.

Calculating Credit

Credit awarded to participants of a recognized provider's educational activity must be calculated as follows:

- For each 15 minutes of continuing education activity time, 0.25 credits shall be awarded, not including breaks, meals, registration periods or general business. No credit shall be awarded if the activity is less than 15 minutes in duration.
- For CE activities that involve both live activities and independent, self-study components, credit for the independent study portion may not exceed credit awarded for the live portions.
- For participation in audio or audiovisual self-instructional programs, credit must be awarded based on the actual length of the audiovisual instructional time plus a good faith estimate of the time it takes an average participant to complete all required elements of the activity, including the self-assessment mechanism.
- For participation in self-paced, self-instructional programs, the provider must award credit based on a good faith estimate of the time it takes an average participant to complete the program.

ADA CERP Recognition Statement and Logo

Jointly accredited providers who offer CE to dentists and allied dental professionals must include the ADA CERP recognition statement on publicity materials for CE activities that include this audience. The recognition statement must also be included on the verification of participation document issued to dental professionals who complete the activity.

<<Name of provider>> is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider. ADA CERP is a service of the American Dental Association to assist dental professionals in identifying quality providers of continuing dental education. ADA CERP does not approve or endorse individual courses or instructors, nor does it imply acceptance of credit hours by boards of dentistry. Concerns or complaints about a CE provider may be directed to the provider or to the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition at ADA.org/CERP.

<<Name of provider>> designates this activity for <<number of credit hours>> continuing education credits.

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Providers may also include the ADA CERP logo in conjunction with the CERP recognition statement above. The logo must always be accompanied by the recognition statement; it may not be used alone.