

Local Anesthesia Administration by Dental Hygienists – State Chart

<i>State & Year Implemented</i>	<i>Supervision Required</i>	<i>Block and/or Infiltration</i>	<i>Education Required</i>	<i>Exam Required</i>	<i>Authorized by Statute or Rule</i>	<i>Legal Requirements for Local Anesthesia Courses</i>
AL 2018	Direct	Infiltration	Board Approved	No	Statute	32 hrs
AK 1981	General	Both	Specific	Yes – WREB	Statute	16 hrs didactic; 6 hrs clinical; 8 hrs lab
AZ 1976	General	Both	Accredited	Yes – WREB	Statute	36 hrs; 9 types of injections
AR 1995	Direct	Both	Accredited/ Board Approved	No	Statute	16 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical
CA 1976	Direct	Both	Course taken as part of a DH program/approved by the Dental Hygiene Board of CA	No	Rules	16 hrs didactic; 3 hrs clinical; 8 types of injections
CO 1977	General	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	12 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical
CT 2005	Indirect	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	20 hrs didactic; 8 hrs clinical
DC 2004	Direct	Both	Board Approved	No	Rules	20 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical
FL 2012	Direct	Both	Accredited/ Board Approved	No	Statute	30 hrs didactic; 30 hrs clinical
GA 2023	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	30 hours didactic; 15 laboratory; 15 clinical
HI 1987	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Exam given by course	Statute	39 hrs didactic and clinical; 50 injections
ID 1975	General	Both	Accredited	Yes – Board approval	Statute	No
IL 2000	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	24 hrs didactic; 8 hrs clinical

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IN 2008	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – NERB Local anesthesia exam or equivalent state or regional exam	Rules	15 hrs didactic; 14 hrs clinical; permit required
IA 1998	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Rules	No
KS 1993	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Statute	12 hrs
KY 2002	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	Yes – Written exam given by course	Statute	32 hrs didactic; 12 hours clinical
LA 1998	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Board approved	Rules	72 hrs; Minimum of 20 injections
ME 1997	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Board administered	Rules	40 hrs; minimum of 50 injections
MD 2009	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	Yes – NERB	Rules	20 hrs didactic; 8 hrs clinical
MA 2004	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – NERB written exam by NERB	Statute	35 hrs; No less than 12 hrs clinical
MI 2002	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – state or regional board-administered written exam (NERB)	Statute	15 hrs didactic; 14 hrs clinical
MN 1995	General	Both	Accredited	No	Rules	No
MS 2023	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – CDCA-WREB-CITA	Rules	Course must include clinical and didactic
MO 1973	Indirect	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	No
MT 1985/2017	General	Both	Accredited	Yes – WREB	Statute	No

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NE 1995	Direct	Both	Board Approved	No	Statute	12 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical; 10 types of injections
NV 1982	Direct/General	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	No
NH 2002	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – NERB local anesthesia exam	Statute	20 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical
NJ 2008	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	Yes – NERB local anesthesia	Rules	20 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical; Minimum of 20 hrs monitored administration of local anesthesia
NM 1972	Direct/General	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	Yes – WREB	Statute	24 hrs didactic; 10 hrs clinical
NY 2001	Direct	Infiltration	Accredited	No	Statute	30 hrs didactic; 15 hrs clinical & Lab
NC 2021	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Statute	<i>Dental hygiene students: 16 hrs didactic; 14 hours clinical</i> <i>Licensed dental hygienists: 16 hrs didactic; 8 clinical;</i>
ND 2003	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Rules	Course must include clinical and didactic
OH 2006	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Written regional or state exam	Statute	15 hrs didactic; 14 hrs clinical
OK 1980	Direct	Both	Board Approved	No – Exam given by course	Rules	20.5 hrs
OR 1975	General/Unsupervised	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	No

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PA 2009	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	30 hrs didactic and Clinical permit, must renew
RI 2005	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – NERB	Statute	20 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical
SC 1995	Direct	Infiltration	Board Approved	Yes – Board	Statute	No
SD 1992	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Statute	No
TN 2004	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	24 hrs didactic; 8 hrs clinical
TX 2023	Direct	Infiltration	Accredited/Board Approved/CODA Approved Course	Yes – TSBDE-approved certification examination	Rules	20 hours didactic; 12 hours clinical; didactic curriculum overseen by a Texas Licensed Dentist with experience teaching LA
UT 1983	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – WREB	Statute	No
VT 1993	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Board Administered	Statute	24 hrs
VA 2006	Direct	Both (Only on patients over 18)	Accredited	Yes – accredited program; Board of another jurisdiction accepted	Statute	36 hrs didactic-clinical
WA 1971	General	Both	Board Approved	Yes – WREB	Statute	10 injections
WI 1998	Indirect	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	10 hrs didactic; 11 hrs clinical
WV 2003	Direct	Both	Board Approved	NERB local anesthesia exam or equivalent state or regional exam	Statute	12 hrs didactic; 15 hrs clinical

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WY 1991	Direct	Both	Board Approved	Yes	Rules	No
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