

NEED AND REASONABLENESS  
DENTAL HYGIENE

Subpart 1. May Teach. A license holder is authorized to teach in the dental hygiene program in content or courses which are specific to dental hygiene. This is reasonable due to the criteria to be met in subpart 3.

Subpart 2. Other requirements. Refers to initial and renewal requirements currently in rule. There are no changes in this subpart.

Subpart 3. Educational and occupational experience requirements. Item A and Item B are requirements mandated by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, Chicago, Illinois. Faculty teaching in an accredited program must be graduated from an accredited program and be licensed to practice within the state. Therefore, these items are necessary and reasonable. Item C requires a bachelor's degree or above in a health science or health occupation discipline. This is necessary because the Commission on Dental Accreditation requires advanced study beyond the program to be taught. The program confers an AAS degree. Therefore, it is necessary to require a bachelor's or above degree. Since a bachelor's degree with a major in dental hygiene is available only at the University of Minnesota, any degree in a health science or health occupation is reasonable. The degrees were selected for content in anatomy and physiology, medical terminology and medical ethics, health specific oral and written communications, clinical data content, patient education skills, nutrition, emergency medical skills, and A.P.I.E. (Action, Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation). All of this content is taught in total or in part in the dental hygiene program. Therefore, these are reasonable requirements. Item D requires 4000 hours of hands on dental hygiene experience. The ratio and the requirement of occupational experience are the same as previously revised license and there is no change in this subpart. The specific experience of dental hygiene is reasonable since the instructor is preparing the student for that particular profession and will also clinically supervise that student. The 2000 hours in adult dental hygiene is necessary and reasonable since the program's major emphasis is in adult patient care.

Subpart 4. Substitution for recent occupational experience. This subpart follows the format and ratio of previously revised licenses. There is no change in this format or ratio. The substitutions are reasonable since they are restricted to dental hygiene primary program content for which the instructor according to subpart 3 is qualified.