

TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
CHAPTER 5 DENTISTRY (DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, ETC.)
PART 50 COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR, REQUIREMENTS FOR
CERTIFICATION

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

16.5.50.2 SCOPE: The provisions of Part 50 of Chapter 5 apply to all applicants for certification; to active, expired and suspended certificate holders; and to anyone who requests a list of community dental health coordinators or other public records.
[16.5.50.2 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

16.5.50.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Part 50 of Chapter 5 is promulgated pursuant to the Dental Health Care Act, Sections 61-5A-5 and 61-5A-6 NMSA 1978.
[16.5.50.3 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

16.5.50.4 DURATION: Permanent.
[16.5.50.4 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

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

16.5.50.6 OBJECTIVE: To establish the requirements for certification as a community dental health coordinator for applicants from various educational backgrounds and professional tracks.
[16.5.50.6 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

16.5.50.7 DEFINITIONS:

A. "Community based field experience" means a hands on internship/apprenticeship where the CDHC gets to use their skills under supervision of a licensed New Mexico dentist or hygienist.

B. "Community dental health coordinator" CDHC means a dental assistant, dental hygienist or other trained personnel certified by the board as a community dental health coordinator to provide educational, preventive and limited palliative care and assessment services working collaboratively under the general supervision of a licensed New Mexico dentist.

C. "Community health promotion" means courses that teach social work skills such as, building social networks, health advocacy for individuals and communities, mapping out social and health support networks, cultural competency, communication skills, interpersonal skills, interviewing skills, behavioral assessment and management, developing community programs, teaching and training skills, legal and ethical issues.

D. "Continuous employment" means 1,000 hours per year for five consecutive years.

E. "Dental skills" means courses in basic dental knowledge, emergency vs. routine care needs, recognition of dental conditions, gross anatomy of head and neck and oral structures, gathering and recording information, clinical record keeping, caries, periodontal disease, oral and external cancer evaluation, palliative care, and financing dental care.

F. "General supervision" means the authorization by a dentist of the procedures to be used by a dental hygienist, dental assistant, expanded function dental auxiliary, dental student, or community dental health coordinator and the execution of the procedures in accordance with a dentist's diagnosis and treatment plan at a time the dentist is not physically present and in the facility as designated by the rules of the board.

G. "Limited palliative procedures" means procedures ordered by the dentist to help relieve pain or to improve an emergency situation that a patient is experiencing. These procedures must be within the scope of the community dental health coordinator.

H. "Teledentistry" means a dentist's use of health information technology in real time to provide limited diagnostic and treatment planning services in cooperation with another dentist, a dental hygienist, a community dental health coordinator or a student enrolled in a program of study to become a dental assistant, dental hygienist or dentist.

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

16.5.50.8 REQUIREMENTS: Community dental health coordinator who performs the duties defined under 16.5.54 NMAC are required to be certified by the board.
[16.5.50.8 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

16.5.50.9 EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR: Each applicant for a certification for community dental health coordinator must possess the following qualifications, through one of the following pathways:

- A. Applicants for CDHC shall meet the following requirements for certification:
 - (1) shall have high school diploma (or equivalent) or college level degree;
 - (2) shall have board certification in radiography, rubber cup coronal polishing and topical fluoride and pit and fissure expanded functions;
 - (3) completed the jurisprudence exam with a score of at least 75 percent; and
 - (4) successful completion of CDHC program approved by the board.
 - B. Pathways/educational tracks: applicants may have earned other college level degree(s) and certifications in their respective field(s) of study, such as, but not limited to, registered dental hygienists, certified dental assistant, dental assistant, expanded function dental auxiliary and other non-dental professionals. Credits earned in these educational fields may be applied for credit towards the CDHC education program as determined by the sponsoring institution.
 - C. Approved programs: board approved CDHC programs shall include the following guidelines for course study in order to prepare the applicant to a level consistent with the definitions as listed in 16.5.50.7 NMAC and duties as outlined in 16.5.54.9 NMAC:
 - (1) education in community health promotion;
 - (2) education in dental skills; and
 - (3) education in community-based field experience.
 - D. Credit shall be given by the approved program of coursework, certifications, or degrees already earned. Proof of these credits is the responsibility of the institution of the approved program.
- [16.5.50.9 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

16.5.50.10 REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: Each applicant for community dental health coordinator certification must submit to the board or its agent the required fees and following documentation. Applications are valid for one year from the date of receipt:

- A. proof of official transcripts with required courses for certification; official transcripts verifying successfully passing all required coursework as defined in 61-5A-6 of the act;
 - B. passed the jurisprudence exam with a score of at least 75 percent;
 - C. submit to the board the names of the dentists(s) working in a supervisory capacity to the CDHC coordinator.
- [16.5.50.10 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

16.5.50.11 CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE: Upon receipt of a completed application, including all required documentation and fees the secretary-treasurer or delegate of the board will review the application and determine eligibility for certification.

- A. Initial certificates are issued for a period not to exceed three years.
 - B. The certificate must be displayed so that it is visible to the public.
- [16.5.50.11 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

HISTORY OF 16.5.50 NMAC: [RESERVED]