21 NCAC 16H .0104 is proposed for amendment as follows:

21 NCAC 16H .0104  
APPROVED EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

(a) To be classified as a Dental Assistant II, an assistant shall have and maintain an unexpired CPR certification and also shall meet one of the following criteria:

(1) completion of a dental assisting program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation ("CODA"), a list of which is available at no cost at coda.ada.org/find-a-program/search-dental-programs and is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions;

(A) an ADA-accredited dental assisting program; or

(B) one academic year or longer in an ADA-accredited dental hygiene program;

(2) one complete school year or longer in a CODA-accredited dental hygiene program;

(3) a dental assistant program offered through a branch of the U.S. armed forces at the Medical Education & Training Campus that includes a clinical rotation providing dental assisting for live patients;

(4) completion of the Certified Dental Assistant certification examination(s) examinations administered by the Dental Assisting National Board ("DANB") with a passing score as set by DANB; or

(5) completion of the following:

(A) employment as a Dental Assistant I for two years of the preceding five, consisting of at least 3,000 hours total; and

(B) a 3-hour course in sterilization and infection control, and a 3-hour course in dental office emergencies. The courses shall be offered by Board-approved course sponsors as set out in 21 NCAC 16J .0202.

(c) For purposes of this Rule, an unexpired CPR certification is one that is in effect and valid at the time of classification as a Dental Assistant II and remains so at all times while employed as a Dental Assistant II or while performing any of the permitted functions under Rule .0203 of this Subchapter.

(d) A Dental Assistant shall not take radiographs before completing radiology training consistent with G.S. 90-29(c)(12).

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