



The American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP) reviews and approves institutions, organizations and individuals that provide **continuing dental education**.

Why ADA CERP?

ADA CERP offers ADA members and the dental community a way to select continuing dental education (CE) with confidence, while promoting continuous quality improvement in CE. CERP also assists state boards and other organizations that have CE requirements to identify providers that have policies and practices in place to develop and administer CE with a sound scientific basis, in accordance with accepted education and business practices.

ADA CERP Recognized Providers

To qualify for CERP recognition, CE providers are evaluated in 14 aspects of program quality. Only providers that can meet the *ADA CERP Recognition Standards and Procedures* are granted recognition and are authorized to use the ADA CERP logo and recognition statement. Once approved, ADA CERP recognized providers must maintain the same high standards and are reevaluated periodically.

Currently, 437 CE providers are CERP approved. Another 108 local dental societies are approved by state dental societies through the CERP Extended Approval Process. A complete list of ADA CERP approved providers can be found at ADA.org/CERP.

Number ADA CERP Recognized Providers by Type – Fall 2013

Nationally Approved Providers	
Dental Education Company	105
Specialty Society/Dental Association	68
Dental School	45
ADA Constituent Society (state)	34
Dental Products, Materials, Equipment, Device, or Pharmaceutical Company	31
College/University	27
Study Club	22
Consulting Company	16
ADA Component Society (local)	14
Hospital	13
Communications/Publishing Company	9
Insurance Company	7
Federal Agency	7
Other*	39
Total National Providers	437
Extended Approval Process (EAP)	
ADA Component Societies (local) approved through ADA State Societies	108
Total EAP Approved Providers	108

Continuing Education Activities

In 2013, CERP approved providers offered over 29,000 unique CE activities, totalling more than 200,000 hours of instruction.

Nationally Approved Providers' CE Activities in 2013

Total CE activities offered	29,055
Total hours of CE instruction offered	200,729
Total dentist participants	817,172
Total non-dentist participants	686,155

Search for ADA CERP providers' CE activities at ADA.org/CERPcourselistings.

How do I know if a program is ADA CERP approved?

When selecting CE, professionals can identify CERP approved providers by the CERP logo and recognition statement.

ADA CERP® | Continuing Education Recognition Program

<<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 ADA CERP at ADA.org/CERP.



Acceptance

Of the U.S. licensing jurisdictions that have currently implemented CE requirements for licensure renewal of dentists and allied staff, all accept the credits offered by ADA CERP recognized providers toward these requirements. However, each licensing jurisdiction may have additional criteria that must be met.

The Academy of General Dentistry also accepts credits from ADA CERP recognized providers toward AGD membership awards.

Contact

For more information about CERP approved providers, course listings, or the ADA CERP recognition program visit [ADA.org/CERP](https://ada.org/CERP) or call 312.440.2869.

ADA CERP is managed by the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition, an agency of the ADA, with authority to formulate and adopt requirements, guidelines and procedures for the recognition of continuing dental education providers and to approve providers that meet rigorous standards for quality.

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