

New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners
Declaratory Ruling: Clarification of CPR and BLS-HCP certifications

This declaratory ruling is issued to the Petitioner with respect to the particular circumstances and facts discussed herein and represents a holding of the Board on those circumstances and facts for Petitioner only.

BACKGROUND

On September 29, 2015, the Board of Dental Examiners (“Board”) received a petition for declaratory ruling, pursuant to Den 214.01. On October 5, 2015, the Board voted to issue the following declaratory ruling.

FACTS AND LAW

Den 301.02(a) (15), Application for Dental Licensure, requires the following in order to obtain dental licensure:

(15) “Whether the applicant’s CPR certification is current, and if so, provide proof;”.

Den 301.04(a)(18), Application for Dentist License Registration and Renewal, requires the following in order to register and renew a dentist license:

(18) “Whether the applicant’s CPR is current.”

Nathan Decker, DMD and Dr. Lindsey Decker have asked the Board if CPR certification can be obtained by taking an online course.

RULING

At its October 5, 2015 meeting, the Board voted that in order to obtain CPR and/or HCP-BLS certification, the course must include a hands-on component. It is the opinion of the Board that as in dental school, where hands on participation in practicing dentistry and/or dental hygiene is required, similarly, a CPR and/or HCP-BLS course must also include a hands on component.

Voted as approved by the Board on November 2, 2015

Signature: 
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Authorized Representative for the Board