



# DENTAL CHOPS, LLC

## Local Anesthetic Course Description

The local anesthetic continuing education course is only for **current licensed** registered dental hygienist and/ or dentist. Participants will learn how to administer local anesthesia in compliance with current State guidelines. Participants will complete sixty **(60) hours** of approved continuing education, which shall include a review of local anesthetic techniques, contraindications, systemic complications, medical emergencies related to local anesthesia, and a general overview of dental office emergencies. Participants must be willing to administer local anesthetic as the clinician and receive local anesthetic as the patient for clinical practice. This course is not intended for unlicensed dental professionals, interested dental students, or the general public.

## Course Goals

The goals of this class are to assist the dental hygienist to become:

- Knowledgeable in the pharmacology, anatomy, neurophysiology, and neurochemistry related to the administration of local anesthetics.
- Knowledgeable and competent in the physical and psychological evaluation of the patient prior to receiving local anesthetic or dental treatment.
- Knowledgeable in the side effects, complications associated with local anesthetics to maintain safety standards.
- Knowledgeable in the clinical use and administration of local anesthetics in dentistry for hygiene purposes, including maxillary and mandibular intraoral block anesthesia, soft tissue infiltration anesthesia while upholding infection control standards.
- Knowledgeable in common dental office medical emergency situations, local anesthetics medical emergencies, and the management of such.

# Course Requirements

*Participants must submit the following documents prior to being approved for the course:*

1. Copy of current active dental license.
2. Copy of current CPR certification.

After review of the above pre-requirements, the participant will then be approved as a Dental Chops participant. Approved participants will then submit payment for the course and submit the below required documents.

- Payment for the course.
- Complete the CHOPS Participation Agreement Form. (All participants are expected to practice as both a patient and an operator.)
- Complete the CHOPS HIPAA and Confidentiality Statement.
- Complete a signed Non-Responsibility Waiver.

*Note: All participants must have a medical provider and/ or medical insurance to follow up with their provider if injury occurs. \_\_\_\_ is not to be held responsible for any damages, injuries, neglect, or losses that occur while participating in the course.*

- Complete online bloodborne pathogen training.
- Complete a required medical history.
- Submit disability form and proof if applicable.

The participant will then be approved to enroll into the Denta Chops course. The course consists of (10) online didactic lessons and learning quizzes equivalent to 30 hours. These modules must be completed prior to attending the in person live training laboratory and clinical sessions.

Each participant will attend a live in person training session Friday-Sunday for didactic, laboratory, and clinical training. Participants will perform clinical techniques of maxillary anesthesia and mandibular anesthesia, intraoral block anesthesia, and soft tissue infiltration anesthesia.

**The Georgia Board of Dentistry requires each participant to pass the overall final exam assessment with an 80% or higher for completion the program.**

# Evaluation Methodology

Participant mastery of course competencies will be evaluated based completion of online course lessons and exercises, cumulative final summative assessment, as well as clinical performance. The purpose of this examination is to assess the candidate's professional knowledge, skills, abilities, and judgment as applied in the clinical technique of local anesthetic administration and procedures.

## Evaluation Criteria

1. Online Assignment Completion and Hours of Observations: Required before live training.
2. Clinical Performance: Satisfactory "S"
3. Final Summative Assessment: Assessment with an **80% or higher** for completion the program.

Participants earning a score of 0-79% must receive remediation and reexamination will be required. Remediation for this course will consist of a written assignment and then an oral examination with the course director. Participants not receiving a "satisfactory" in the clinical session must remediate by participating in a remediation clinical session.

Participants who are unsuccessful with their first or second final summative assessment and/or clinical performance attempts will be eligible for the on-site retake option, except for candidates who are unsuccessful because of unprofessional conduct. Participants who fail either the final summative assessment and/ or the clinical performance after the third attempt will fail the course. A refund will not be issued. They must submit a new application and pay the corresponding course fee. Both didactic and clinical lessons must be started again.

## Course Application, Registration, Fee

**Application Deadlines:** The application deadline for all exams is approximately (21) days or (3) weeks before the date of the examination. Applications and all pre-course required documentation must be received on or before the published deadline date. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that all application requirements are met and that all required items are received. Complete applications will be processed on a first come, first-served basis. All applications with incorrect or missing information will not be processed. After application approval via email, full payment will be required.

**Registration Cost:** \$\_1500\_. Full payment must be submitted at the time of the application approval. After payment is confirmed, the online lesson access will be provided. A discounted fee of \$\_1200\_ will be provided for current participants employed in a role of education within the University or Technical College System.

**Refund Fee:** There are no refunds granted. Under extenuating circumstances, the examination fee may be deferred to a later examination date. Requests will be considered on an individual basis when received 7-10 days before the course scheduled course start date. Requests must be made in writing via email and must include original documentation in support of the request. Documentation such as court, hospitalization more than (24) hours, death of a spouse or dependent. If the request is not made within (7) days, the fee will not be deferred to another course date.

## Title IX and Policy for Testing with Disabilities

*"The Department of Education is committed to expanding and protecting opportunities for students to learn. Title IX of the Higher Education Act of 1972 promises equal access to education for all students, and it protects them against discrimination on the basis of sex.*

*Title IX was enacted to ensure: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."*

Any candidate with a documented physical and/or learning disability that impairs sensory, physical, or speaking skills which require a reasonable deviation from the normal administration of the examination may be accommodated. Submit request at the time of registration. Requests received after the registration deadline or retroactive requests will not be considered.