

Licensure Pathways for Dentists in Florida, Ohio, and Illinois Who Graduated from a Non CODA Accredited Dental School

Florida

For dentists who do not have a dental license in another state or have practiced in for less than five years in another state in which they have an active unencumbered dental license:

1. Must satisfy one of the following
 - a. Complete a program of study, as defined by the board by rule, at an accredited American dental school and demonstrate receipt of a DDS or DMD degree from said school.
 - b. Submit proof of having successfully completed at least two (2) years at a full-time supplemental general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). This program must provide didactic and clinical education at the level of a DDS or DMD program accredited by CODA.
2. Successfully complete all of the following examinations:
 - a. Dental National Board Examination (Parts 1 & 2)
 - b. Florida Laws and Rules Examination
 - c. ADEX Dental Licensing Examination

For dentists who have a dental license in another state and have practiced for a minimum of 1,200 hours per year for each and every year for a 5-year (or more) period (6,000 hours or more):

1. Provided active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care
2. Full time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association CODA
3. Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the ADA Commission of Dental Accreditation.

After completing one of these two pathways can then apply for a dental license in the state of Florida.

Ohio

1. File a written application with the secretary of the state dental board

2. Provide satisfactory proof to the board that they have met all of the following requirements:

- a. Successful passage of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or attained level 109 in the English Language Service Test
- b. Must be at least 18 years of age
- c. Be of good moral character
- d. Have passed parts 1 & 2 of the tests given by the Joint Commission of National Dental Examinations
- e. Have passed a written jurisprudence exam administered by the state dental board
- f. Have taken and passed a basic science and laboratory examination
- g. Have successfully completed two years of clinical training in one of the following:
 1. An accredited institution that reasonably assures a level of competency equal to that of graduates of accredited dental colleges as determined by the board
 2. A General Practice Residency (GPR) program from an accredited institution or
 3. An advance education in general dentistry (AEGD) program from an accredited institution.
- h. Have take an accredited board examination administered by any of the following boards: Central Regional Dental Testing Service, the Northeast Regional Board , the Southern Region Dental Testing Agency, or the Western Regional Examining Board.
- i. Have a license in good standing from another state and actively engaged in the legal and reputable practice of dentistry in that state or in the armed forces of the United States or the US Department of Veterans Affairs for at least five years immediately preceding application.

Illinois

1. Provide satisfactory evidence of graduation of dental education from the dental college or school located outside the United States or Canada
2. Submit satisfactory evidence of completing a minimum of two (2) academic years of general dental clinical training at a dental college or school in the US or Canada approved by CODA.
3. Successfully passed the National Board of Dental Examiners test parts I & II and provide evidence thereof
4. Verification of Employment/Experience must be completed to verify full time employment of at least 3 of the 5 years immediately preceding filing of this application.
5. Have proof of current BLS (Basic Life Support) Certificate

Summary of Requirements:

1. Graduated from a non-CODA approved Dental School or College
2. Passed National Dental Board Exam parts I & II
3. Completed one of the following:
 - a. A 2 year CODA approved training for foreign trained dentist wherein a DMD or DDS degree is earned
 - b. Successfully complete a 2 year CODA approved GPR or AEGD program
4. Completed one of the following:
 - a. Taken a regional dental board exam (NERB, CODA, WREB, etc)
 - b. Have a dental license from another state wherein one practiced for a min of 5 years (1,200 hrs/yr for a total of 6,000 hour) in the providing of general dental patient care and that license be active and unrestricted in any way
5. Have taken a test to show competency in English, written and oral.