



Modernization of the Continuing Competence Program

Why is the CCP Changing?

The College's current Continuing Competence Program (CCP) was developed in preparation for the proclamation of the Denturists Profession Regulation in 2002. In the ensuing 20+ years, there have been changes and shifts in the concepts and theories surrounding ongoing professional development and continuing competence.

In response to these changes, and with respect to the practice of a denturist, the Registration Committee has worked to revise the program, and these changes were approved by Council in late 2025.

What is changing?

The program continues to have a focus on continuing professional development; however, the reporting cycles are shifting temporally and in length.

Starting in 2027, all denturists will adhere to the same CCP cycle. The new cycle:

1. will be one year in length and will commence September 1 of each year and go through to August 31 of the following year;
2. requires denturists to complete 25 hours of learning, annually; and
3. will allow for some carryover of unused learning from one cycle to the next.

How will this happen?

A transition period will take place, for all denturists, in the first part of 2027 regardless of where in their five-year CCP cycle they are. Details will be shared with denturists later in 2026.

The College will also be updating the online College platform to align with this updated program.

Why September to August?

The cycle's timing has been changed for two reasons.

- ✉ This new cycle allows denturists to accurately provide declaration on their registration renewal that they have completed the most recent CCP rather than estimating whether it will be complete by the end of the year.
- ✉ This allows for more appropriate regulatory oversight should a denturist have not completed their CCP in the previous cycle and/or provided a false declaration at renewal.

Why 25 hours?

The average of the current CCP is 20 hours per year. This was established to support and validate the breadth of denturist practice in Alberta. By continuing to ensure Alberta denturists excel in their ongoing professional development, it again provides support for the potential expansion of the denturist's role in the evolving oral health environment.

Further, in assessing the CCP requirements of Alberta's other healthcare professionals, the new 25 hour requirement is comparable to the average, annual, professional development hours required.

Questions

Should you have any questions about this information, please contact the College at info@abdenturists.ca.