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State & Year Implemented	Supervision Required	Block and/or Infiltration	Education Required	Exam Required	Authorized by Statute or Rule	Legal Requirements for Local Anesthesia Courses
AL 2018	Direct	Infiltration	Board Approved	No	Statute	32 hrs
AK 1981	General	Both	Specific	Yes – WREB	Statute	16 hrs didactic; 6 hrs clinical; 8 hrs lab
AZ 1976	General	Both	Accredited	Yes – WREB	Statute	36 hrs; 9 types of injections
AR 1995	Direct	Both	Accredited/ Board Approved	No	Statute	16 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical
CA 1976	Direct	Both	Course taken as part of a DH program/approved by the Dental Hygiene Board of CA	No	Rules	16 hrs didactic; 3 hrs clinical; 8 types of injections
CO 1977	General	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	12 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical
CT 2005	Indirect	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	20 hrs didactic; 8 hrs clinical
DC 2004	Direct	Both	Board Approved	No	Rules	20 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical
DE 2025	Direct	Both	Board Approved	Pending Board Regulations	Statute	Pending Board Regulations
FL 2012	Direct	Both	Accredited/ Board Approved	No	Statute	30 hrs didactic; 30 hrs clinical
GA 2023	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	30 hrs didactic; 15 laboratory; 15 clinical
HI 1987	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Exam given by course	Statute	39 hrs didactic and clinical; 50 injections
ID 1975	General	Both	Accredited	Yes – Board approval	Statute	No
IL 2000	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	24 hrs didactic; 8 hrs clinical
IN 2008	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – NERB Local anesthesia exam or equivalent state or regional exam	Rules	15 hrs didactic; 14 hrs clinical; permit required

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IA 1998	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Rules	No
KS 1993	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Statute	12 hrs
KY 2002	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	Yes – Written exam given by course	Statute	32 hrs didactic; 12 hours clinical
LA 1998	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Board approved	Rules	72 hrs; Minimum of 20 injections
ME 1997	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Board administered	Rules	40 hrs; minimum of 50 injections
MD 2009	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	Yes – NERB	Rules	20 hrs didactic; 8 hrs clinical
MA 2004	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – NERB written exam by NERB	Statute	35 hrs; No less than 12 hrs clinical
MI 2002	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – state or regional board-administered written exam (NERB)	Statute	15 hrs didactic; 14 hrs clinical
MN 1995	General	Both	Accredited	No	Rules	No
MS 2003	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – CDCA-WREB-CITA	Rules	Course must include clinical and didactic
MO 1973	Indirect	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	No
MT 1985/2017	General	Both	Accredited	Yes – WREB	Statute	No
NE 1995	Direct	Both	Board Approved	No	Statute	Course must include clinical and didactic
NV 1982	Direct/General	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	No
NH 2002	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – NERB local anesthesia exam	Statute	20 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical

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NJ 2008	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	Yes – NERB local anesthesia	Rules	20 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical; Minimum of 20 hrs monitored administration of local anesthesia
NM 1972	Direct/General	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	Yes – WREB	Statute	24 hrs didactic; 10 hrs clinical
NY 2001	Direct	Infiltration	Accredited	No	Statute	30 hrs didactic; 15 hrs clinical & Lab
NC 2021	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Statute	<i>Dental hygiene students:</i> 16 hrs didactic; 14 hours clinical <i>Licensed dental hygienists:</i> 16 hrs didactic; 8 clinical;
ND 2003	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Rules	Course must include clinical and didactic
OH 2006	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Written regional or state exam	Statute	15 hrs didactic; 14 hrs clinical
OK 1980	Direct	Both	Board Approved	No – Exam given by course	Rules	20.5 hrs
OR 1975	General/Unsupervised	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	No
PA 2009	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	30 hrs didactic and Clinical permit, must renew
RI 2005	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – NERB	Statute	20 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical
SC 1995	Direct	Infiltration	Board Approved	Yes – Board	Statute	No
SD 1992	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Statute	No
TN 2004	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	No	Rules	24 hrs didactic; 8 hrs clinical

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TX 2023	Direct	Infiltration	Accredited/Board Approved/CODA Approved Course	Yes – TSBDE approved certification examination	Rules	20 hrs didactic; 12 hrs clinical; didactic curriculum overseen by a Texas Licensed Dentist with experience teaching LA
UT 1983	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – WREB	Statute	No
VT 1993	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Board Administered	Statute	24 hrs
VA 2006	Direct	Both (Only on patients over 18)	Accredited	Yes – accredited program; Board of another jurisdiction accepted	Statute	36 hrs didactic-clinical
WA 1971	General	Both	Board Approved	Yes – WREB	Statute	10 injections
WI 1998	Indirect	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	10 hrs didactic; 11 hrs clinical
WV 2003	Direct	Both	Board Approved	NERB local anesthesia exam or equivalent state or regional exam	Statute	12 hrs didactic; 15 hrs clinical
WY 1991	Direct	Both	Board Approved	Yes	Rules	No