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Report Council on Dental Education and Licensure

1 The Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) met on October 6, 2025, by
2 video conference, and on March 20, 2026, at NYSDA headquarters and video
3 conference. Minutes of these meetings are on file in the NYSDA office and have been
4 distributed to the Board of Trustees and to component presidents, presidents-elect,
5 component executive directors and council chairs.

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7 **Dental Fellowship Programs:** The Council discussed dental fellowship programs and
8 the difficulty of obtaining residents. This issue was originally discussed at the Council's
9 October 6, 2025, meeting and, at the time, pertained to maxillofacial prosthodontic
10 fellowship programs for foreign-trained dentists. It was discovered that other specialty
11 fellowship programs are experiencing the same problem.

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13 The Council considered amending NYS Education Law to include fellowship programs
14 and to extend the current training exemption from 90 days to one year.

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16 The following resolution was ultimately moved:

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18 **Resolved**, that NYSDA seek to amend NYS Education Law, § 6610, subsection
19 7, to include fellowship programs and to extend the 90-day training limitation
20 (new language underscored; deleted language ~~strike through~~).

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22 § 6610. Exempt persons. Nothing in this article shall be construed to affect or
23 prevent:

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25 7. A dentist licensed in another state or country who is visiting an approved
26 dental school or any other entity operating a residency or fellowship program that
27 has been accredited by a national accrediting body approved by the department
28 to receive dental instruction for a period not to exceed ~~ninety days~~ one year from
29 engaging in clinical practice, provided such practice is limited to such instruction
30 and is under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.

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32 On vote, the resolution was **adopted**.

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34 **Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact:** At the 2025 HOD meeting,
35 resolutions 5H-2025 and 9H-2025 were referred to the councils on Dental Health
36 Planning and Hospital Dentistry; Dental Education and Licensure; and Dental Practice
37 to further evaluate the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact and develop
38 recommendations to be submitted to the 2026 HOD. As a result, a subcommittee was
39 formed consisting of members from each of these three councils. Drs. Robert Peskin,
40 Vera Tang and Steven Gounardes represented CDEL on the subcommittee.

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42 The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact was discussed in length at both of
43 the Council's meetings. In addition, an update of the subcommittee's meeting held on
44 January 19 was provided.

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46 The Council is unanimous in its opposition to the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure
47 Compact and any potential involvement by NYSDA.

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49 **Sleep Medicine:** The Council reviewed a concern raised by the American Academy of
50 Sleep Medicine that the NYS Education Department (SED) does not recognize
51 continuing education courses on Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) if they include terms
52 like "sleep medicine" or cover topics beyond dentists' scope of practice.

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54 The Council acknowledged that while dentists cannot diagnose or refer patients for
55 sleep studies, they should still understand OSA and its impact on their patients.
56 Members emphasized the need for continued dialogue with SED on this emerging area
57 of interest. As this item of business was not on the meeting agenda, it will be deferred to
58 the fall meeting for further discussion.

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60 **Nomination of Council Chair:** The Council voted unanimously to recommend Dr. Vera
61 Tang of the New York County Dental Society to incoming NYSDA President Dr. Amarilis
62 Jacobo for consideration for appointment as Council Chair from June 2026 to June
63 2027. If approved, this will be Dr. Tang's first year as Chair.

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