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Illinois Department of
Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation

Qualifications for Licensure:

Dental Specialist License (021)

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Important:

The qualifications for an Illinois dentist license are provided in 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1220.100 and 1220.410. Part 1220 may be referred to as the dental rules.

LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

- Current licensure as a dentist in the State of Illinois.
- Successful completion of 2 years of dental specialty training in accordance with 68 IAC 1220.310 (b) to qualify as a specialist in endodontics, pediatric dentistry, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial radiology, or orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics.
- In addition to the above requirements, successful completion of 4 years of specialty training in oral and maxillofacial surgery in a school or hospital approved by the Division that includes 24 months of full-time hospital training in an approved oral and maxillofacial surgery residency program with at least 4 months of training in anesthesiology to qualify as a specialist in oral and maxillofacial surgery.
- In addition to the above requirements, successful completion of 3 years of training in a CODA-accredited dental anesthesiology program to qualify as a specialist in dental anesthesiology.
- Periodontic specialty programs must be 3 consecutive academic years with at least 30 months of instruction. At least 2 consecutive years of clinical education must be obtained in a single educational setting.

Please apply for licensure with the Division of Professional Regulation using the CORE licensing system.