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- (a) Prior to performing clinical procedures pursuant to G.S. 90-233(a) under the direction of a licensed dentist, a public health hygienist shall have:
 - (1) five years of experience in clinical dental hygiene;
 - (2) unexpired CPR certification, taken in a live hands-on course;
 - six hours of continuing education in medical emergencies each year in addition to the minimum continuing education required for license renewal; and
 - (4) other training as may be required by the Oral Health Section of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (b) For purposes of this Rule, a minimum of 4,000 hours, the majority of which must be spent performing prophylaxis or periodontal debridement under the supervision of a licensed dentist, shall be equivalent to five years experience in clinical dental hygiene.
- (c) Notwithstanding Subparagraph (a)(1) and Paragraph (b) of this Rule, a public health hygienist may place sealants under the direction of a licensed dentist if the hygienist has a minimum of 2,000 hours of clinical experience assisting in the placement of sealants with the Oral Health Section of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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