

**Laser Use by Dental Hygienists Task Force
Report to the Kentucky Board of Dentistry
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The Kentucky Board of Dentistry requires a hygienist applying to be certified in laser debridement must show successful completion of a course that meets or exceeds the Academy of Laser Dentistry's Category II Standard Proficiency level certification course as described in the Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education.

There are two pre-requisites to Standard Proficiency:

- 1. Having successfully completed a pre-requisite introductory course which is available online and is equal to or greater than 2.5 credit hours.**
- 2. Owning or having access to a dental laser and using it within the scope of practice.**

The Category II Standard Proficiency course, in brief includes a minimum of 12 hours of specific educational activity, which should include hands on training on the specific device the practitioner intends to use and a measured outcome learning verification exercise.

The course completion certificate issued by the course provider must include the type of laser/lasers and wavelengths on which the participant was trained.

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