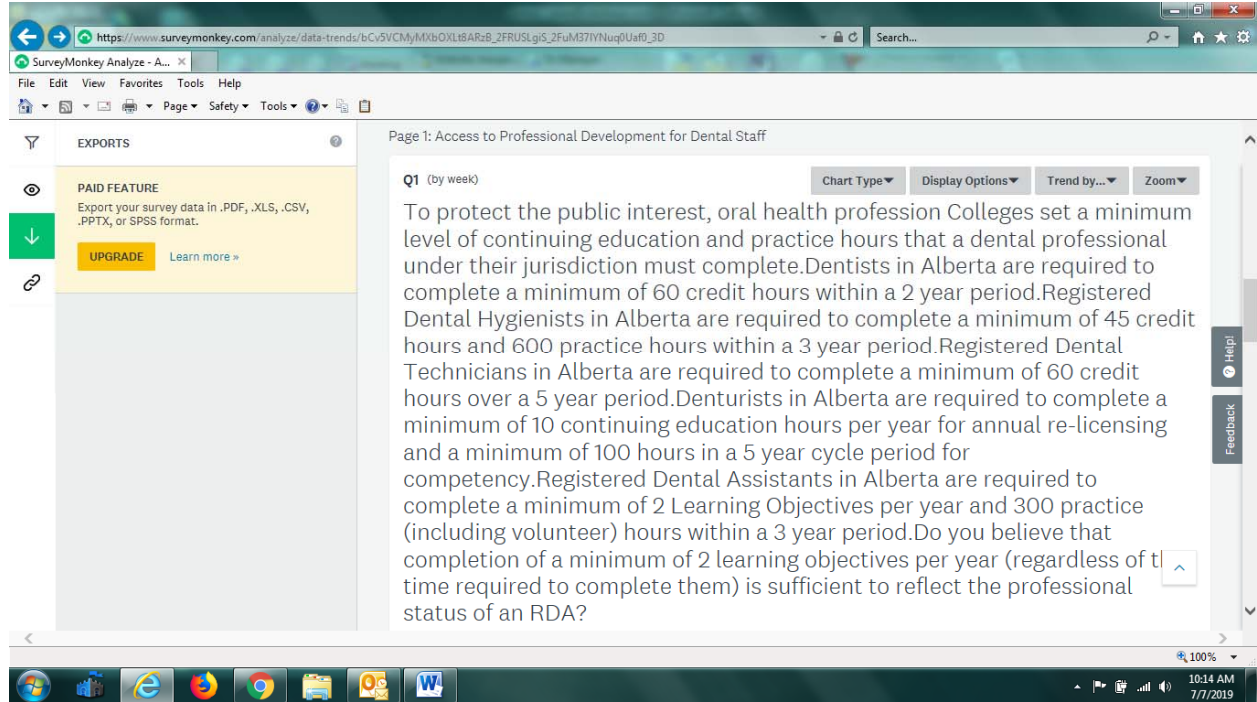


Survey #1 AADA Survey on Professional Development

Total responses 96

Completion rate 100%

Typical time spent 4m:15s



Responses

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| Yes | 58/96 | 61.05% |
| No | 34/96 | 35.79% |
| Not sure | 3/96 | 3.16% |

I believe RDA's do the minimum to keep the licences active. I feel when we had to submit our 10 continuing ed hours (points) annually, there was more support for our profession. There are ways we can submit our continuing ed hours to make it easier on the College.

I actually do more than 2 learning objective most are a variation of the other learning objectives so that the new skills learned are reinforced and built upon. .

These can be made up objectives with no participation in learning activities

NO , not really . I feel one should always be pursuing more knowledge. Reading all labels and directions on each of the materials in your office and understanding why they are being used. Taking courses in Dental and personal interest. Life long learning is essential for a profession and a healthy happy life.

I really don't like this "Learning Objectives" It doesn't keep up with the times of what is coming out in the dental world. I liked it better when we did the credits because you could learn about something new and up and coming. Also the cut off date. If my dentist decides that we need to

go to a week long conference after my credits are in, I feel that they should be able to be used as a learning credit.

I know a lot of girls cheat the system.

2 learning objectives is very easy to acquire without a time commitment necessary. Either have a minimum requirement or do an additional learning objective. I do agree on competence rather than credits is the way to go

Reading an article should not be an considered an objective

Not sure if it is worth doing even to 2 Learning Objectives per year.

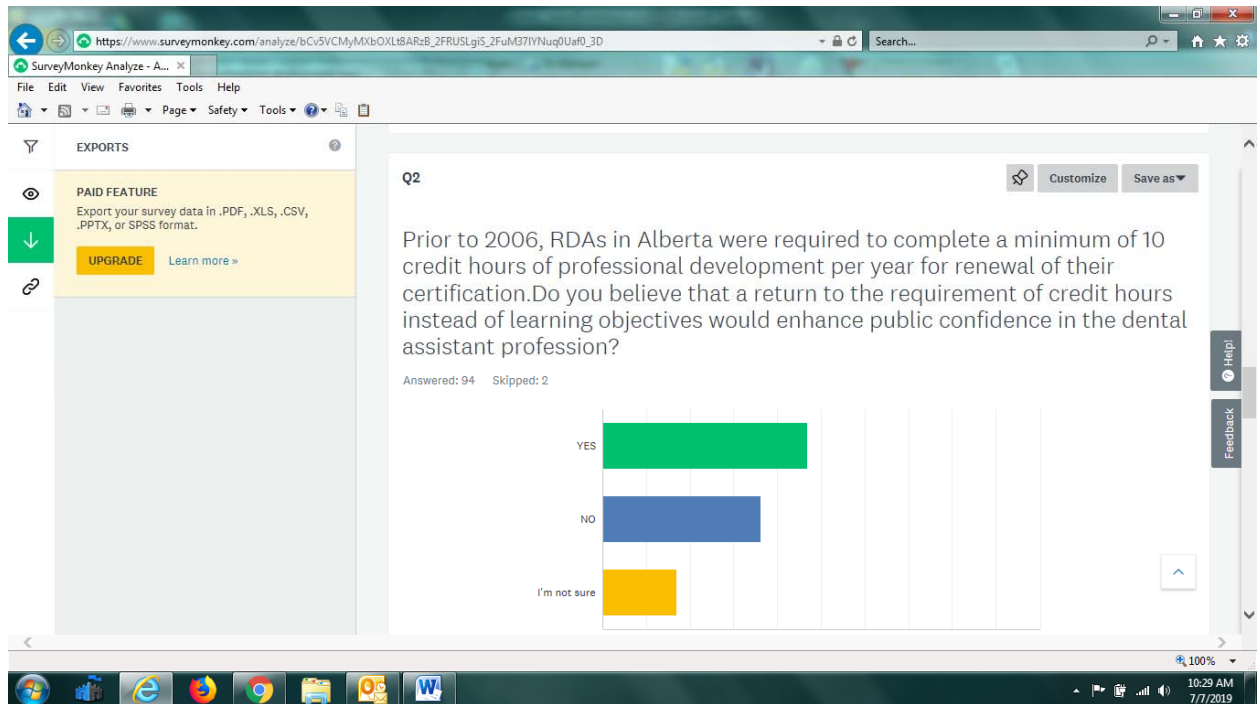
Dependant on the learning objective. Some of them offered should be held at a higher standard for proof of completion.

no I think it is a giant waist of time !!!

I actually it's more than what is needed.

No tangible way to measure competency

It's an embarrassment to our profession having only 2 learning objectives. Most of the assistants in our office refuse to do CPR with our team because they say they don't need the hours. I believe it's totally unacceptable and RDA's lose credibility because of the lack of continuing education required.



Responses

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| Yes | 44/94 | 46.81% |
| No | 34/94 | 36.17% |
| Not sure | 16/94 | 17.02% |

Learning objectives are good especially when it is self learning.

I personally do not like the learning objectives. We have to come up with a learning subject and then find the source to teach us. I prefer the point system where we can go and do what we would like to do as long as we complete it.

People understand this because it is in many medical professions

People can use credits that don't apply to their profession directly and doesn't enhance their ability to care for their patients

perhaps....

I wasn't living in Alberta in 2006, I'm not aware of the difference when stating 'credit hours' is in comparison to our learning objectives.

The general public is not aware of our registration requirements and most don't care. Compulsory Con Ed creates animosity among RDAs and is viewed largely as a waste of time.

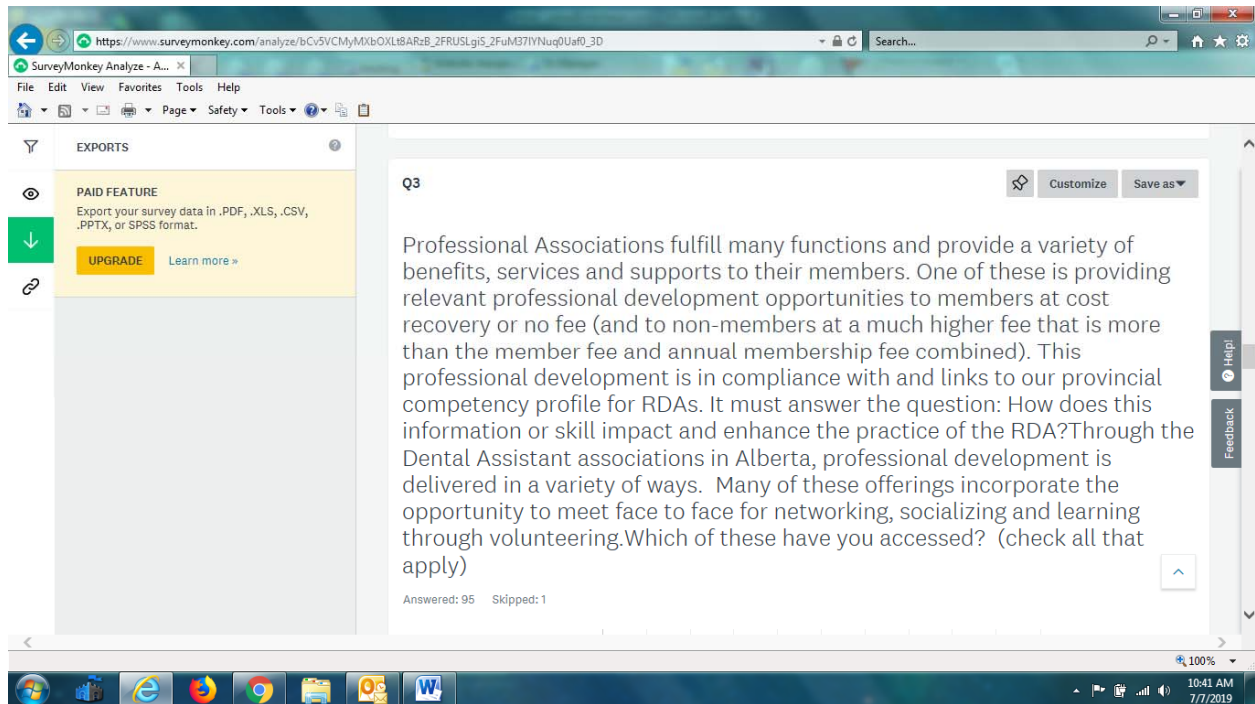
Went to courses to fulfill registration requirement whether it was a benefit or not. Many did not help in practice.

Make it 15 or 20 hours

I don't think the public has a clue about continuing education. My patient maybe ask me about it when they have to do continuing education themselves.

Whole heartedly

Absolutely!!



Responses

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| Educational presentations at Local association meetings | 62/95 | 65.26% |
| ½ day seminars offered by a Local association | 40/95 | 42.11% |
| Full day conference offered by a Local association | 65/95 | 68.42% |
| Home study courses offered by a Local association | 39/95 | 41.05% |
| Volunteer opportunities offered by a Local association | 25/95 | 26.32% |
| Volunteer opportunities offered by the Provincial association | 15/95 | 15.79% |
| Volunteer opportunities offered by the College of Alberta Dental Assistants | 10/95 | 10.53% |
| None of the above | 16/95 | 16.84% |

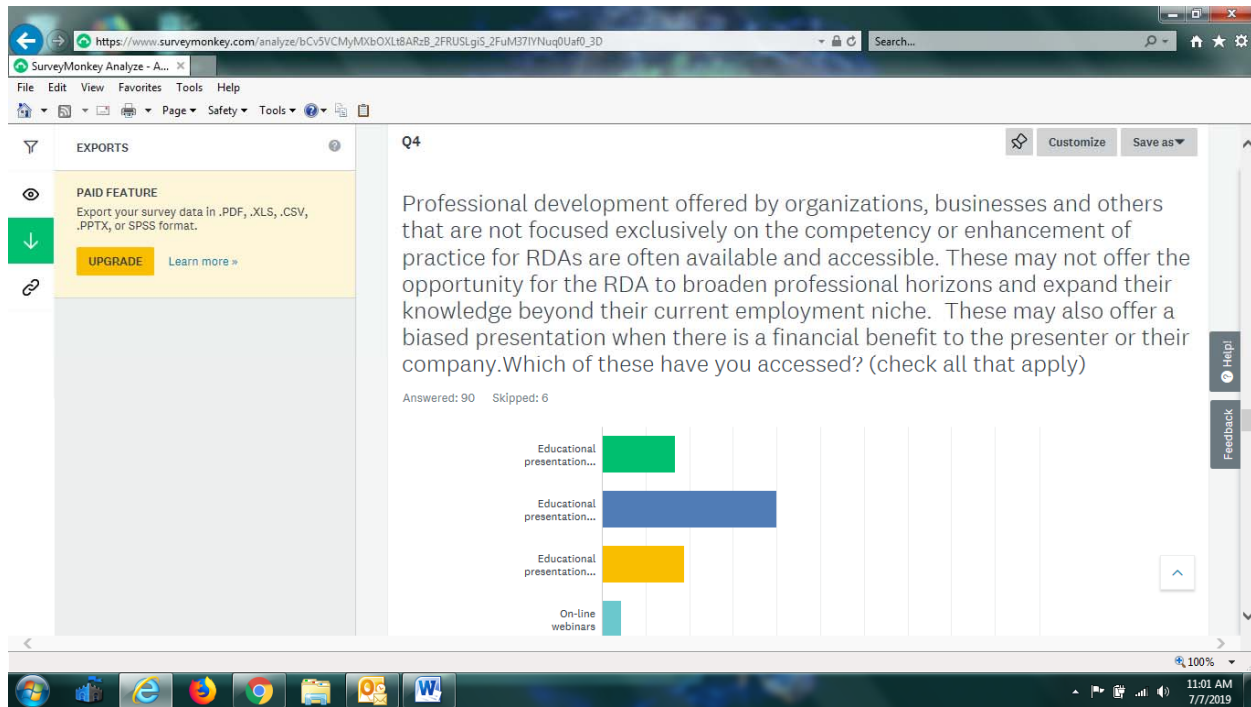
A lot of the times the speakers, I'm not interested in. Can only learn so much about bleaching and oral hygiene. I'm an assistant not a hygienist I want talks to pertain to assisting and new things that are coming out (Implants, oral sedation, aesthetics etc)

I go to courses with my office and do my own online studies. I do not like or use anything offered by the college of Alberta dental assistants.

Expanding my knowledge by attending educational conferences / courses to elevate my licensure. SAIT, North West Dental Exposition.

Lunch and Learn at my workplace, 2 hour presentation at U of Alberta

Volunteer opportunities with Kindness in Action



Responses

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| Educational presentations offered by a dentist's organization | 15/90 | 16.67% |
| Educational presentations offered by a dental supplier | 36/90 | 40.00% |
| Educational presentations offered in-office by my employer | 17/90 | 18.89% |
| On-line webinars | 4/90 | 4.44% |
| On-line self study courses | 18/90 | 20.00% |

actually all of the above only one would select

this survey box only allowed one item to be checked but I have done them all except webinar

I was unable to click all but have accessed all of the above.

All of them, but it won't let me check them all off.

All of the above

Only one is allowed to check. I have used all but the top one

This question is broken. You can only choose 1 option

I have accessed all of these options.

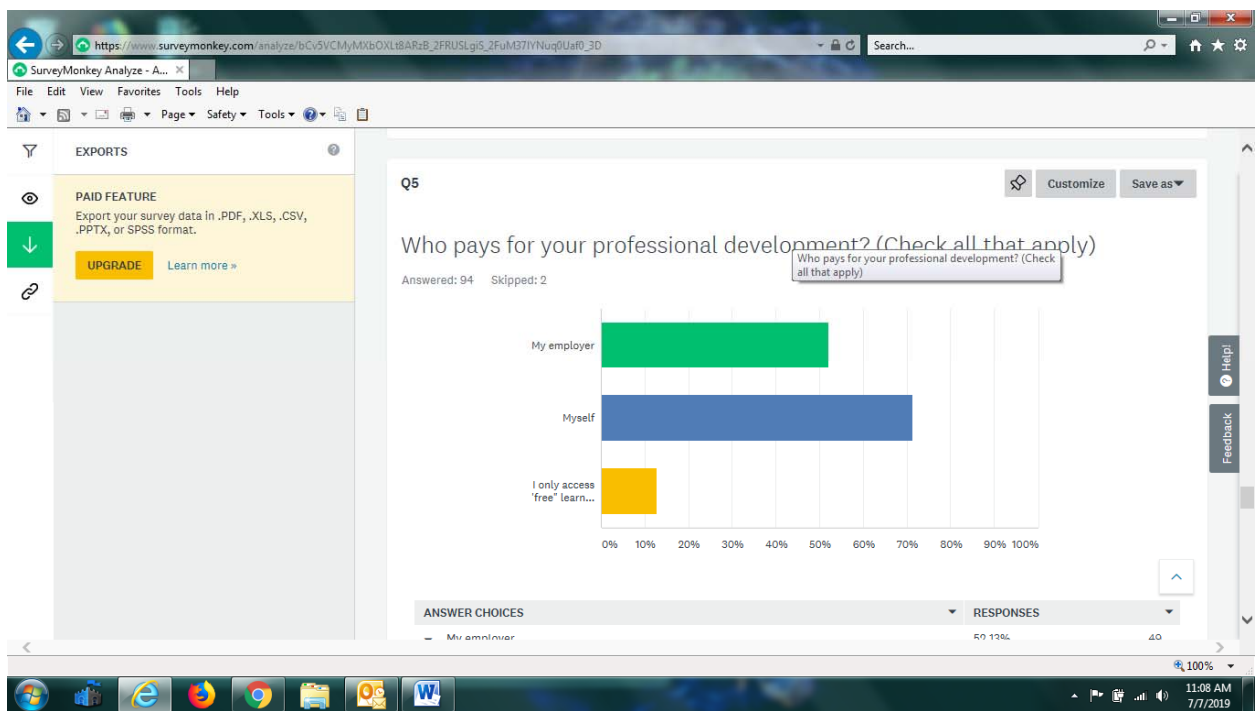
I have accessed the first 3 educational opportunities but the survey will not let me choose more than 1

Unable to check off all as I have done all

Would only me allow to pick one . I picked first 2

Would not allow me to Ck all I wanted. Also #2,3 and5

This only lets you pick one but asks that you pick Al that apply



Responses

My employer 49/94 52.13%

Myself 67/94 71.28%

I only access "free" learning options 12/94 12.77%

If there is a fee my employer will reimburse me.

I have asked in the past and the dentist has volunteered to pay

My employer will pay for PDC if we go, otherwise I pay for myself

My employer pays for CPR training.

Both myself and my employer



Responses

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| In person workshops, lectures, seminars and conferences | 55/96 | 57.29% |
| In office presentations | 11/96 | 11.46% |
| When my office team attends in person workshops, lectures, seminars and conferences | 20/96 | 20.83% |
| Home study courses from legitimate providers of professional development for RDA's | 3/96 | 3.13% |
| On-line webinars, courses, self-study, tutorials | 7/96 | 7.29% |

actually all of the above apply but only one will highlight

again this question only allowed one item to be checked but I value them all

I take a lot of professional development course. I prefer the face to face. It involves more of a commitment but for myself richer in development.

Btw, for Q 5 and 6, I can only select one option

All of the above

Home study courses are valuable too.

Again I agree with all 5 methods but the survey will only allow me to choose one.

Will only let me select one. I would also have selected the 3rd option

I agree with all of the above

It will only let me Check on box off

Again could not pick more than 1.

Again could not ck more than 1. Also #2,3 and4

Again you can't pick more than one here

Q7

PLEASE LEAVE ANY GENERAL COMMENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY TO THE AADA ABOUT ANY OF THE PREVIOUS TOPICS OR ANY NEW INITIATIVES YOU WOULD LIKE THE AADA TO PURSUE ON BEHALF OF ALBERTA RDA'S

Responses 10/96

Thank you for your interest in everyone's opinions,

I think we should go back to the credit system.

Tighter rules are needed for webinars and web-based learning.

The survey when indicated that all apply didn't permit more than one choice.

Knowing that my association has various developmental activities throughout the year is reassuring when it comes to our annual license and being accountable for proper learning skills.

I wish there was more chances to meet people and grow as a network for support / questions.

The newer system for continuing education is a giant waist of time (self evaluations). I truly think it should go back to some sort of credit system. The important thing is that we beater ourself for our practices. Not sitting in seminars just to get credits:/ (which was a huge issue on the credit system.

I like that we can take charge of our own learning based on what we feel would be most beneficial.

I agree we as RDA's need to take our continued learning more serious. I would like to see the hours back for sure!!

I believe that RDA's should be required to have a minimum number of hours of education. My employer is disappointed that many assistants in our office refuse to go to a seminar because they say it's not required by CADA, even though the entire office is encouraged to go. CADA has basically eliminated all credibility of our profession because of this new rule. Dentists in Alberta are finding out about the 2 learning objectives and are frustrated at the lack of continuation of education of the RDA.