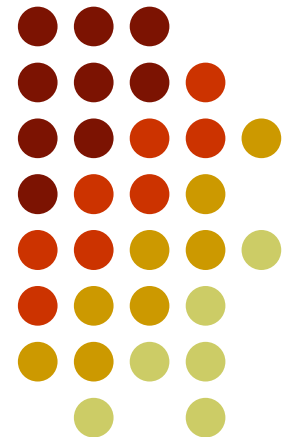


DENTAL HYGIENE CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS SUMMARY

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Regional and state clinical dental hygiene examinations are administered to evaluate the clinical competency of candidates for dental hygiene licensure. Clinical examinations provide a reliable third party assessment of candidates' clinical skills and are used by state dental boards in making valid licensing decisions.

All exams consist of skill-specific patient treatment in a clinical setting. Additionally, some exams include a written or electronic patient-based component. Clinical licensure exams are administered at various times throughout the year at various host institutions.

This document was created by the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) to assist candidates for dental hygiene licensure by providing a general overview of regional and state clinical examinations required for licensure for the practice of dental hygiene.

Included in this Dental Hygiene Clinical Examination Summary are the regional testing agencies known as

- *Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA),*
- *Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS),*
- *North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB),*
- *Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) and*
- *Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)*

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Clinical Exams Accepted for Initial State Licensure

<u>CITA</u>	<u>CRDTS</u>	<u>NERB</u>	<u>SRTA</u>	<u>WREB</u>
Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Arkansas	Alaska
District of Columbia	Connecticut	Connecticut	Colorado	Arizona
Kansas	District of Columbia	District of Columbia	Connecticut	California
Louisiana	Georgia	Idaho	District of Columbia	Colorado
Maine	Hawaii	Illinois	Indiana	Connecticut
Massachusetts	Idaho	Indiana	Kansas	Idaho
Mississippi	Illinois	Kansas	Kentucky	Indiana
Missouri	Indiana	Kentucky	Louisiana	Iowa
Montana	Iowa	Louisiana	Maine	Kansas
Nebraska	Kansas	Maine	Massachusetts	Kentucky
New Hampshire	Kentucky	Maryland	Missouri	Louisiana
North Carolina	Louisiana	Massachusetts	Montana	Maine
North Dakota	Maine	Michigan	New Hampshire	Massachusetts
Ohio	Massachusetts	Missouri	Ohio	Minnesota
Oregon	Minnesota	Montana	Oregon	Missouri
Rhode Island	Missouri	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	Montana (accepts NV, CA)
Virginia	Montana	New Jersey	South Carolina	Nebraska
West Virginia	Nebraska	New York	Tennessee	Nevada (independent)
	New Hampshire	Ohio	Texas	New Hampshire
	New Mexico	Oregon	Utah	New Mexico
	North Dakota	Pennsylvania	Virginia	North Dakota
	Ohio	Rhode Island	West Virginia	Ohio
	Oregon	South Carolina	Wyoming	Oklahoma
	Rhode Island	Texas		Oregon
	South Carolina	Utah		Rhode Island
	South Dakota	Vermont		South Dakota
	Texas	Virginia		Tennessee
	Utah	Washington		Texas
	Vermont	West Virginia		Utah
	Virginia	Wisconsin		Virginia
	Washington	Wyoming		Washington
	West Virginia			West Virginia
	Wisconsin			Wisconsin
	Wyoming			Wyoming
<u>Independent</u>				
California				
Delaware				
Florida				
Nevada				

ADHA defines *Initial Licensure* as state licensure sought immediately following graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program.

Please note that recognizing jurisdictions and licensing requirements are subject to change. While this document is updated yearly, candidates are encouraged to contact the State Board where they wish to seek licensure to confirm information.

Exam Schedules

<u>CITA</u>	<u>CRDTS</u>	<u>NERB</u>	<u>SRTA</u>	<u>WREB</u>
www.citaexam.com/	https://www.crdts.org	http://www.nerb.org	http://www.srta.org	http://www.wreb.org

Fees

\$825.00 plus site fees dependent on host institution	\$890.00 plus site fees dependent on host institution	\$925 - both exams (Clinical AND Electronic) \$525 - one exam (Clinical OR Electronic) \$130 - Local Anesthesia exam \$125 – Nitrous Oxide exam	\$940.00 for both exams. \$840.00 for Clinical \$100.00 for Electronic plus site fees dependent on host institution	\$875.00 - Clinical exam \$225.00 - Local Anesthesia exam \$400.00 - Restorative exam plus site fees dependent on host institution
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Retest Fees

\$825.00 plus site fees dependent on host institution	\$890.00 plus site fees dependent on host institution	\$925 – both exams. (Clinical AND Electronic) \$525 - one exam (Clinical OR Electronic) \$130 - Local Anesthesia exam \$125 – Nitrous Oxide exam	\$940.00 for both exams. \$840.00 for Clinical \$100.00 for Electronic plus site fees dependent on host institution	\$875.00 - Clinical exam \$225.00 - Local Anesthesia exam \$400.00 - Restorative exam plus site fees dependent on host institution
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Liability Insurance

CITA

Professional liability insurance coverage included in exam fee.

CRDTS

Professional liability insurance coverage included in application fee.

NERB

Professional liability insurance coverage included in exam fee.

SRTA

Candidates may apply for coverage with exam application at no additional charge.

Candidate may also secure personal coverage at his/her expense.

WREB

Professional liability insurance coverage included in exam fee

Also required for administration of local anesthetic; included in exam fee.

Application Requirements

Proof of graduation from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) OR Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) accredited dental hygiene program OR

Letter of Certification from program director verifying candidate is clinically competent, in good standing, and anticipated to fulfill school requirements for graduation prior to or within 45 days after the date of the CITA exam.

Proof of graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program OR

Letter of Certification completed by program director verifying anticipated graduation date within 60 days of examination

Confirmation of Training to Administer Local Anesthesia, if candidate intends to use local anesthetic

Proof of graduation from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited OR Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) accredited dental hygiene program OR

Written certification from program director of CODA or CDAC accredited program verifying candidate's expected graduation within 45 days of scheduled clinical exam.

Copy of current Basic Life Support (BLS) card.

Copy of candidate's diploma from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited dental hygiene program OR

Letter from program director, dean or school stating candidate is academically in good standing and allowing candidate to sit for exam.

Verification of successful completion of a degree program (for dental hygiene exam) or course (for anesthesia and restorative exams) from an accredited dental hygiene program OR

Certification of enrollment in final semester from the school dean or dental hygiene program director.

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Patient Treatment Selection Requirements

CITA

- Candidate must select 6-8 teeth upon which the candidate will designate twelve (12) surfaces of explorer-detectable subgingival calculus for removal.
- Four of the teeth and at least 8 surfaces must be in posterior teeth; four of these posterior surfaces must be interproximal.
- Selected teeth must have at least one approximating tooth within a 2mm distance.

CRDTS

- Candidate must select 6-10 teeth, including no more than 3 anteriors, with at least 14 surfaces of qualifying subgingival calculus.
- Of the 14 qualifying surfaces, at least 9 must be on posterior teeth, and of those, at least 3 surfaces must be on molars.

Prohibited treatment selections (if in the areas of selected treatment):

- Class III furcations or mobility
- Class IV periodontal disease
- Ortho brackets or bonded retainers
- Implants
- Partially erupted 3rd molars
- Retained deciduous teeth

NERB *

- Candidate must select 6-10 permanent teeth with 12 surfaces of subgingival calculus.
- Of the 12 surfaces, 8 must be on posteriors; 5 must be interproximal surfaces. Three of these interproximal surfaces must be on molars.
- All posterior teeth must have at least one approximating posterior tooth within 2mm distance.
- Selection must include three pockets of 4mm or greater, each on a different tooth.

SRTA

- Candidate must select one full quadrant and up to 4 additional teeth with a minimum of 12 surfaces of EASILY detectable subgingival calculus.
- The selected quadrant must contain at least 6 natural teeth; at least one tooth in the quadrant must be a permanent molar with at least 1 proximal contact.
- Of the 12 surfaces, a maximum of 6 can be on anterior teeth; a minimum of 5 on proximal posteriors and a minimum of 3 must be on molars.
- Candidates are encouraged to avoid choosing teeth with excessive decay.

WREB

- Candidate must select one full quadrant and up to 4 additional teeth, including 1 molar with a proximal contact and at least 6 natural teeth.
- Selection must include a minimum of 12 surfaces of qualifying subgingival calculus.
- At least 3 of the 12 surfaces must be on molars; no more than 4 of the 12 may be on anteriors.

Prohibited treatment selections (if in the areas of selected treatment):

- Probing depths >6mm
- Class III furcations; Class III mobility
- Ortho bands
- Overhanging margins; temp. or faulty subgingival restorations
- Gross caries

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Radiographic Component

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<p>Complete Mouth Series (exposed within 2 years) with horizontal or vertical bitewings (exposed within 6 months) reflecting current clinical conditions OR</p> <p>Radiographs of poor diagnostic quality result in point deductions and could affect patient acceptability.</p>	<p>Complete Mouth Series (exposed within 3 years) with horizontal or vertical bitewings (exposed within 1 year).</p> <p>Radiographs are non-graded; however radiographs of poor diagnostic quality will affect patient acceptability.</p>	<p>Complete Mouth Series (exposed within 3 years) including bitewings (exposed within 1 year).</p> <p>Radiographs are non-graded; however radiographs of poor diagnostic quality will result in point deduction or discontinuation of exam.</p>	<p>Complete Mouth Series (exposed within 3 years) with horizontal or vertical bitewings (exposed within 1 year).</p> <p>Radiographs are non-graded; however radiographs of poor diagnostic quality will affect patient acceptability.</p>	<p>Horizontal or vertical bite-wings with anterior and posterior periapicals that include all teeth in treatment submission.</p> <p>Radiographs taken within 12 months; not necessarily exposed by candidate.</p> <p>Radiographs that do not meet Evaluation Criteria listed in Candidate's Guide are assessed a four point penalty.</p>

Computer Component

<p>Proof of candidate's successful completion of the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE) is required.</p>	<p>No computer-based exam included.</p>	<p>100 multiple-choice simulated patient questions - 2 hrs in length.</p> <p>Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide exams are also computerized.</p> <p>Taken at Prometric Testing Centers by appointment.</p>	<p>Multiple-choice questions – 60 minutes in length.</p> <p>Electronic examination taken at the same site on the same day as the clinical exam.</p>	<p>No computer-based exam included at this time; Implementation in 2011 is currently being considered.</p>
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Administration of Local Anesthesia

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Local anesthetic administration is not permitted.	Admission of local anesthetic by candidate permitted as determined by each state practice act. Confirmation of local anesthesia training required.	Injectable local anesthetic is not permitted.	Admission of local anesthetic by candidates who have successfully completed a course on local anesthesia from a CODA accredited program is permitted.	Administration of local anesthetic by candidate is permitted.
Topical anesthetic administration only.	Qualified practitioner may administer local in lieu of candidate.	Topical anesthetic administration only.	Qualified practitioner may administer local in lieu of candidate who is not qualified to administer.	Successful completion of <i>WREB Written and Clinical Local Anesthesia</i> examination required prior to the clinical exam.
	A subgingival anesthetic gel may be used.			Qualified practitioner may administer local in lieu of candidate.
	Not evaluated as part of the exam.			

* Currently, NERB is the only agency that administers the American Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination (ADLEX), the dental hygiene examination approved by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc (ADEX). ADEX is a private not-for-profit consortium of state and regional dental boards throughout the United States and its territories, whose mission is to provide the dental community with test construction and administration standardization for national uniform dental and dental hygiene clinical licensure examinations.

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Exam Scoring

<u>CITA</u>	<u>CRDTS</u>	<u>NERB</u>	<u>SRTA</u>	<u>WREB</u>
Score of 75% or higher on each required to pass:	Score of 75% or higher required to pass:	Score of 75% or higher on each required to pass:	Score of 75% or higher on each required to pass:	Score of 75% or higher required to pass:
<u>Dental Hygiene National Board Exam</u> AND	<u>Patient-Based Exam:</u>	<u>Computer Simulated Clinical Examination</u> AND	<u>Electronic Examination</u> AND	<u>Clinical Examination:</u>
<u>CITA Clinical Exam:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra/Intraoral assessment 14 pts • Perio Probing 12 pts • Subgingival Calculus removal 56 pts • Supragingival Deposit removal 6 pts • Tissue Management 12 pts 	<u>Patient Treatment Clinical Examination:</u>	<u>Clinical Examination:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probe depths/ Recession 15 pts • Extra/Intraoral exam 10 pts • Calculus Removal/ Tissue trauma 75 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra/Intraoral Evaluation 10 pts • Perio probing 12 pts • Scaling 60 pts • Plaque/Stain removal 6 pts • Tissue management 12 pts 	Total -- 100 pts	Case Acceptance and Treatment are each assessed as	Includes judgment and clinical skills	Total -- 100 pts
Total -- 100 pts	Penalty pts may be assessed for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory, • Minimally Acceptable, • Marginally Substandard OR • Critically Deficient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Presentation 4 pts • Calculus Detection 9 pts • Calculus Removal 57 pts • Partial prophylaxis 60 pts • Minor tissue trauma 12 pts • Periodontal Assessment 18 pts 	Points may be deducted for
Penalty pts may be assessed for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment Selections that do not meet the described criteria • Violation of standards as defined in Candidates Guide 	Penalties may be assessed for violation of the standards as defined in Candidate's Manual.	Total -- 100 pts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X-ray penalty • 1st patient unacceptable • 2nd patient unacceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment Selections that do not meet the described criteria • Infection control infractions • Patient management and treatment infractions 	A Critical Error of <i>tissue trauma</i> will result in failure of the exam.	Behaviors resulting in failure of the entire exam are also listed in the Candidate's Manual.	Extrinsic stains and plaque are NOT evaluated.	No acceptable patient submitted will result in failure of the exam.
			Major tissue trauma or a major infection control violation will result in loss of all points.	Penalties may be assessed for late patient check-in or check-out.

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