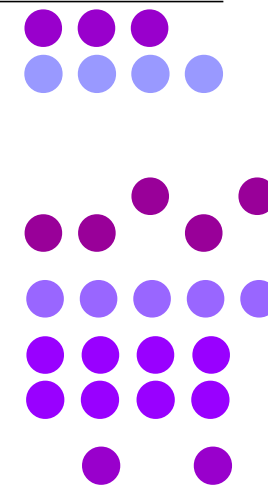


Overview of Regional and State Dental Hygiene Clinical Examinations

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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. These clinical exams may be completed on live or simulated patients, depending on location.

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:

- Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), and Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) have joined together to form CDCA-WREB-CITA- Administers the ADEX Exam
- Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS)
- State Resources for Testing and Assessments (SRTA)

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Clinical Exams Accepted for State Licensure

State	CDCA-WREB-CITA	CRDTS	SRTA
Alabama	X	X	X
Alaska	X	X	
Arizona	X		X
Arkansas	X	X	X
California	X	X	
Colorado		X	X
Connecticut	X	X	X
Delaware			*Independent
District of Columbia	X	X	
Florida	X		
Georgia	X	X	X
Hawaii	X	X	X
Idaho	X	X	
Illinois	X	X	X
Indiana	X	X	X
Iowa	X	X	
Kansas	X	X	X
Kentucky	X	X	X
Louisiana	X		
Maine	X	X	X
Maryland	X		
Massachusetts	X	X	X
Michigan	X		
Minnesota	X	X	
Mississippi	X		X

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State	CDCA-WREB-CITA	CRDTS	SRTA
Missouri	X	X	X
Montana	X	X	X
Nebraska		X	X
Nevada	X		
New Hampshire	X	X	X
New Jersey	X		
New Mexico	X	X	X
New York	X		
North Carolina	X		
North Dakota	X	X	X
Ohio	X	X	X
Oklahoma	X		X
Oregon	X	X	X
Pennsylvania	X	X	X
Rhode Island	X	X	
South Carolina	X	X	X
South Dakota	X	X	X
Tennessee	X	X	X
Texas	X	X	X
Utah	X	X	X
Vermont	X	X	X
Virginia	X		X
Washington	X	X	
West Virginia	X	X	X
Wisconsin	X	X	X
Wyoming		X	X

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Exam Schedules

CDCA-WREB-CITA	CRDTS	SRTA
adextesting.org	https://www.crdts.org	http://www.srta.org
Fees		
Full Examination Fee for Full ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination including: Simulated Patient Treatment Clinical Examination (SPTCE) and Computer Simulated Clinical Examination (CSCE OSCE) \$1150	Examination Fee: \$1095 On-site Retakes: (Same weekend) \$0	Initial Clinical Manikin-Based Examination Fee with 1 free retake: \$1150
Initial Clinical Exam (SPTCE) \$1150		The Intra/Extra Oral Computerized Exam: \$150
Computer-Based CSCE OSCE \$450		Late registration fee: \$100
Re-Examination Fees		
The Full Exam Fee includes one complimentary retake for the clinical exam plus \$150 typodont fee. Additional Individual Clinical Exam retake is \$795. Computer Based CSCE OSCE retake is \$275	Retake (Future exam site) \$1095	All as indicated above plus additional application fees

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Application Requirements

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Only students or graduates of a school that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada are allowed to take the ADEX Dental Hygiene Exam	Proof of graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program.	Copy of candidate's diploma from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited dental hygiene program.
Required documentation includes:	OR	OR
Current students must have their program director or designated school representative authorization. Graduate students must provide an official transcript or diploma indicating a dental hygiene AA, AS, or BS degree has been earned or present a current valid US state-issued dental license.	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.	Letter from Program Director or Dean stating candidate is eligible, in the last semester, and anticipates graduation within 12 months of scheduled clinical exam. Each state board has different requirements. SRTA recommends that you contact your state board regarding your licensure and professional path.

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Treatment Selection Requirements

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<p>Page ADEX SPTCE criteria includes: Calculus detection on four surfaces of four assigned maxillary teeth. Calculus removal is graded upon one mandibular quadrant that is assigned for scaling. Twelve total surfaces are evaluated for calculus removal.</p> <p>A final case presentation is graded also based on an evaluation of calculus removal on all remaining surfaces of the assigned quadrant.</p>	<p>Candidate must select 6- 10 teeth, including no more than 3 anteriors, with at least 12 surfaces of qualifying subgingival calculus, 6 of which must have at least 1 surface qualify.</p> <p>Of the 12 qualifying surfaces, at least 8 must be on posterior teeth, and of those, at least 3 surfaces must be on molars. No more than 4 surfaces can be on anterior teeth.</p>	<p>Candidate will measure and record periodontal pocket depths for two assigned teeth on the mesio-lingual (ML), lingual (L), and disto-lingual (DL) surfaces. Calculus detection is completed by evaluating 4 surfaces of 4 assigned teeth. Calculus removal of moderate to heavy calculus from all surfaces including 3rd molars.</p>
<p>Periodontal probing measurements will be taken on two assigned teeth, one in the anterior and one in the posterior with six measurements per tooth (DF, F, MF, DL, L, ML.)</p>	<p>CRDTS prohibits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade III or IV furcations • Grade III mobility • Ortho/Invisalign brackets and/or bonded retainers • Implants • Partially erupted teeth • Retained deciduous teeth <p>CRDTS discourages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faulty restorations • Gross caries • Extensive veneer crowns • Multiple probing depths >6mm 	<p>Tissue management. There is a 100 point deduction for major critical errors including major infection control violations, irreversible tissue trauma that would need professional treatment by a dentist or physician. 4 or more areas of reversible tissue trauma results in automatic failure such as but not limited to amputated papilla, severely lacerated soft tissue, exposure of alveolar process, broken instrument tip, or root surface abrasion.</p>

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Radiograph Component

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<p>No x-rays will be needed for simulated patient.</p>	<p>Complete Mouth Series (exposed within 3 years)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A panoramic radiograph (exposed within 3 years)</p> <p>IN ADDITION TO:</p> <p>Horizontal or vertical bitewing survey of 2 to 4 films.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Panoramic bitewing images (exposed within 1 year)</p> <p>Radiographs are non-graded; however radiographs of poor diagnostic quality will affect patient acceptability.</p>	<p>No x-rays are needed for exam.</p>

Computer Component

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<p>The CSCE OSCE will be given that includes 100 responses based on a comprehensive intra and extra oral examination.</p> <p>The subject area includes: medical/dental assessment, intra and extra oral assessments and charting, radiology/imaging, dental hygiene care planning, patient care, and dental specialties and pharmacology.</p>	<p>A simulated patient intra/extra oral assessment will be presented via a CRDTS computer tablet.</p> <p>Candidates will have 15 minutes to answer 16 questions.</p>	<p>50 multiple-choice questions on radiology, diseases of the oral cavity and healthy tissue management.</p>

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Administration of Local Anesthesia

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No local anesthesia is needed.	Admission of local anesthetic by candidate permitted as determined by each state practice act. Confirmation of local anesthesia training required.	No local anesthesia is needed.
	Qualified practitioner may administer local in lieu of candidate.	
	A subgingival anesthetic gel may be used.	

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Exam Scoring

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Score of 75% or higher each, required to pass.	Score of 75% or higher each, required to pass.	Score of 75% or higher each, required to pass.
<p>Clinical Examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculus Detection: 16 pts • Calculus Removal 66 pts • Final Case Presentation 6 pts • Periodontal Probing Measurements 12 pts 	<p>Clinical Examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra/Intraoral Assessment: 16pts • Periodontal Probing: 12pts • Scaling/Subgingival Calculus Removal: 60pts • Supragingival Deposit Removal: 12pts 	<p>Clinical Examination: Manakin Based Licensing Examination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodontal pocketing measurements 6 pts • Detection of Calculus 16 pts • Removal of Calculus 72 pts • Tissue Management 6 pts
TOTAL: 100 points	TOTAL: 100 points	TOTAL: 100 points
	<p>Penalty points may be assessed for unacceptable Treatment Selections or a violation of Treatment Standards as defined in Candidates Guide.</p> <p>A Critical Error of unprofessional conduct or time penalty will result in failure of the exam. Three tissue trauma errors will result in Critical Error.</p>	

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