



## **School Information for WREB Dental Candidates**

**Western Regional Examining Board  
A National Dental and Dental Hygiene  
Testing Agency**

**Dental Exam  
April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

# 2021 WREB DENTAL EXAMINATION DENTAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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*Welcome to the UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry. We are making our facilities available to applicants for the Western Regional Examining Board as a testing site only. To make your experience here at the school as pleasant and convenient as possible, the following information is provided and should answer any questions you have regarding the upcoming examination.*

## **School of Dentistry Dental WREB School Coordinator**

For further information about UT Dentistry San Antonio, please contact:  
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## **EXAM LOCATION**

The Clinical portions of the examination will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor at the Center for Oral Healthcare & Research (COHR). It is located at **8210 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78229**.

The Endodontic and Prosthodontic examination will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Main Campus. The Main Campus is located at **7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229**.

Both campuses are in the South Texas Medical Center near Interstates 10 and 410. The COHR is 12 miles northwest of downtown San Antonio and 7 miles from San Antonio International Airport. (See Enclosed Map).

## **VISITOR PARKING**

**For the clinical portion of your exam at the COHR**, your patients, visitors and you may park in the parking garage. To get to the parking garage behind the building, turn on James P. Hollers Dr., which is adjacent to the Center for Oral Health Care & Research. There are designated handicap parking spots in parking garage and the open surface lot. Effective Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Parking Rates at the Center for Oral Healthcare & Research are \$1.25/Hour.

**For the Endodontic and Prosthodontic portion of the exam will be at the main campus.** If you are taking the Endodontic and Prosthodontic portion on a weekday (Monday through Friday 7am-6pm), there are metered parking spots in front of the Dental School on Main Campus. The cost to park there is .25 per 15 min or 6.00 all day Mon-Fri, 7am-6pm. On Sat & Sun you will be able to park in any Zone 2 Non-Reserved spaces in front of the Dental School.

## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

There are several hotels very close to the campus. Three of the closest are:  
(Ask if they have a UTHSCSA rate)

Staybridge Suites San Antonio-NW Medical Center  
4320 Spectrum  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 558-9009

Marriott Courtyard Medical Center  
8585 Marriott Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78229  
(210) 614-7100

LaQuinta Inn & Suites San Antonio Medical Ctr.  
4430 Horizon Hill Blvd  
San Antonio, TX 78229  
(210) 525-8090

## **COVID SCREENING** (subject to change as situation progresses)

Like many of you, we are concerned about the potential health implications of the COVID-19 virus. UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry screens everyone that enters our facility for signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

1. Candidates will be screened for fever and symptoms consistent with COVID-19 prior to entering facility.
2. The city of San Antonio has adopted “universal masking” for everyone going into public. In order to enter the facility, you must have a form of face covering. Bring a mask (cloth or surgical) or have a scarf/bandana to wrap around your nose and mouth when you enter the building. *We will be unable to provide a mask to you at the entrance and you will not be allowed to enter the facility without a face covering.*
3. Scrubs or professional/business clothes are required during the examination.
4. Guests are not allowed to accompany candidates and will not be allowed to enter the building.
5. Hand sanitizer will be available and utilized upon entrance into the testing area.
6. Candidates will physically distance at least 6 feet apart from other people. Candidates will only be allowed to sit in specified seats in the examination room in order to maintain the physical distancing.
7. Please bring in a printed and completed copy of the screening form each day.

## **FOOD SERVICE**

The COHR has an on-site cafeteria. Current hours are: Monday through Friday 7AM-3PM. There are vending machines available in the student lounge on the 1st floor. There are a variety of fast food restaurants located within a few blocks from the clinic: Chik Fil-A, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Wendy's, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Taco Cabana, Jimmy John's, Bakery Lorraine, and Starbucks.

## **PATIENT SCREENING and RADIOGRAPHS**

The UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry cannot provide patients for candidates. Additionally, the School of Dentistry will not furnish clinic records for screening or for use during the examinations.

Clinical and radiographic facilities will be available for screening your own patients during the week prior to your board date. **For on-site screening, the School of Dentistry x-ray facilities will only process digital x-ray images.** In order to use the School of Dentistry facilities, you are required to contact the Office of Patient Care (COHR Room 1230) to arrange WREB patients screening. No treatment other than screening clinical and/or radiographic examinations will be permitted. These screening dates will be from April 26-29, 2021 during the hours of 9:00-11:00am & 1:30-3:00pm. Diagnostic Exam instruments will be available from the school for screening prior to the WREB Exam only.

**Patient brokering (the selling of patients) will not be tolerated under any circumstances within the dental school and/or on the premises of the university. Violation of this rule will result in immediate removal from campus.**

For information about the UT Dentistry facilities, dental equipment rental and supplies available, please contact the school coordinator for additional information. Please make sure you have read this packet and WREB manual in its entirety prior to reaching out the Coordinator. Many of the questions can be found within these documents.

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## **DENTAL SCHOOL RADIOGRAPH POLICY**

School Radiographic facilities:

- a. Facilities for Operative and Periodontal Exams- This site is a Digital Facility only. Digital support will be as follows:
  - Monitor to Monitor Viewing
  - Printed Digital Radiographs- Must be presented by guest Candidates.
- b. Endodontic Exam- This facility site will provide Digital Support Only through Monitor to Monitor Viewing.

The school will provide IT staff to assist candidates during the Endodontic Exam.

This exam site is not equipped for secure transmission of images between different exam sites or sites from another dental school to this exam site.

### **Candidate Orientation and School Tour**

Due to COVID-19, a tour of the facilities will not be conducted as part of Candidate Orientation. Candidates that are not current students can arrange a tour through the Office of Patient Care prior to the examination.

### **PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE**

Provisional acceptance, for the Operative Section only, will be available for submission of radiographs during the window of March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Provisional acceptance, for the Operative Section only, is only available to matriculating students. Provisional acceptance means your patient is radiographically accepted by calibrated WREB Grading Examiners prior to the exam. If provisionally accepted, all you will need is clinical confirmation by a Floor Examiner at the exam. Preoperative radiographs for up to two (2) operative procedures will be submitted as outlined in the WREB Candidate Guide.

Radiographs will be uploaded to WREB's secure website by a designated staff member. Uploads can only be done by the designated staff member(s) during the assigned window. It is your responsibility to make an appointment with the school for submission within the window, and to verify that the information submitted is correct. Once the window has closed, no additional radiographs will be accepted. If you do not submit during the window, you will submit your patient(s) in the traditional manner at the clinical exam site.

You will be notified of results approximately within one (1) week after the submission window closes.

### **DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

UT Dentistry is unable to arrange chair side dental assistants. You may contact Bea Pena @ 210-450-3314 or email at [trevinob@uthscsa.edu](mailto:trevinob@uthscsa.edu) for dental assistant support.

### **CLINIC EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENTS, SUPPLIES and HANDPIECES**

**Handpieces** - All candidates must furnish their own handpieces and instruments. Air driven handpieces, including low speed can be used at the UTHSCSA Dental School. Bien Air electric handpieces can be accommodated in both the clinic and simulation labs. The dental schools dental units utilize a 6-pin swivel coupler. This swivel is necessary for the fiber optic light source. If you are using your own handpieces and the fiber optic tubing is in your HP, you will have to provide a connector to the dental school's unit 6 pin tubing. The water source for the dental units is Sterisil filtered water.

**Dental Units** - All of the units are A-dec chairs, lights and delivery systems.

## **EXAMINATION SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT**

The School of Dentistry will provide the supplies and equipment listed in **Attachment A**. These will be issued from the Clinic Dispensary area. The School of Dentistry will also provide supply items that will be located in each operator (cubicle). These items will be left in the cubicle upon completion of the exam. Any items not on the enclosed list will be the responsibility of the applicant.

**CARTS & LOCKERS-** Instrument carts are not available for rent. Unfortunately, the clinic does not have sufficient storage space to secure candidate's possessions. Security of your supplies and equipment will be the candidates' responsibility.

## **RENTAL POLICY**

Dental instruments and handpieces will be available for rental. All rental arrangements and payments must be made with the cashier on the day of the WREB Orientation (April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021) **by appointment through the Office of Patient Care**. All handpieces and instruments will be issued from the CENTRAL DISPENSARY ON THE MORNING OF THE CLINICAL EXAM. Please provide your rental receipt to the Dispensary Assistant. All rental equipment is the property of The UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry.

## **HANDPIECE RENTAL CHARGE**

The Dental School will have HANDPIECE sets available for rental. A set includes the following: High Speed, Low Speed, Straight, and Latch and Friction Grip attachments. The school uses A-dec W&H handpieces. The handpiece rental fee will be \$150.00 total per set for the three (3) day examining period. This is payable either by cash, cashier's check, money order or Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard only). A separate deposit of \$500.00 will be required on the day of your orientation. THE \$500.00 DEPOSIT CHECK MUST BE EITHER A CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CASH. All applicants renting any equipment assume the responsibility for damage, theft, etc.

All our clinical operatories use the A-dec W&H high speed handpieces and the RA-RQ Roto-Quick couplers (6 hole) for the W&H slow speed handpiece. Couplers are provided with rental of handpieces.

**If you are required to take our A-dec couplers off the delivery systems, please place the coupler in the cabinet under the Blue Light System.**

No adaptors are available. Handpieces are available for rental to candidates. (See above for information). Please be sure you have and/or rent the required handpieces (W&H is the only type that will fit).

### **RENTAL CLINIC INSTRUMENT TRAY SET-UP**

The Dental Clinic will have the following dental instrument tray package available for rental:

- Endodontic Tray & Files
- Fixed Prosthodontic Tray
- Cementation Tray
- Periodontal Tray
- Restorative Tray

The Clinic Instrument Tray Package rental fee will be \$300.00 total for all of the required trays. Payment is payable either by cash, cashier's check, money orders or credit card (Visa or MasterCard). If you are renting both handpieces and instrument trays, only one payment for \$450.00 would be required for the rental payment. A deposit for the handpiece rental is still required. See handpiece rental policy above

### **ENDODONTICS and PROSTHODONTIC EXAM**

The WREB Endodontic Examination requires mounting teeth in the Acadental "ModuPRO Endo Kit". Acadental has a ModuPro One typodont which can be used for the WREB Prosthodontic Examination. This kit can be purchased from:

**Acadental:** [www.acadental.com/magento/licensure-candidates/wreb](http://www.acadental.com/magento/licensure-candidates/wreb) or 913-384-7390

The School of Dentistry will not have any of these kits for sale.

The School of Dentistry's Simulation Lab will be using A-dec Simulators for your Endodontic and Prosthodontics kits. The simulators will adapt to the Acadental Model and will be magnetic mounted. The A-dec Simulators use the same handpiece setup as the clinic (W&H air driven handpiece or Bien Air Electric Handpiece). See handpiece description. This site will not use shrouds on the simulator heads. The Dental Clinic will provide the Endodontic and Prosthodontic supplies listed in Attachment A. *You must provide your own Endodontic files.*

**ULTRASONIC SCALERS** – The dental school will provide them during the periodontal portion of the exam.

### **EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTIONS**

If you experience a malfunction of any operatory or laboratory equipment during the examination, report it to the clinic dispensary personnel and they will notify the Dental Equipment Mechanic responsible for that area.

### **STERILIZATION PROTOCOL**

**Location:** 3rd & 4th Floor Dispensary

**Hours:** 6:30am-5:00pm

Procedure: The dental clinic staff will sterilize your instruments; however, candidates

are responsible for debriding the instruments and packaging in preparation for sterilization. Packing materials are available in the clinic area and at the Dispensary. It is the candidate's responsibility to clean, package and clearly mark the package with candidate number.

Steam sterilization of instruments will be available throughout the examination. While actual sterilization turnaround time may be less, you should plan on at least 3-4 hours between the turn-in of your handpieces/instruments for sterilization and their return to you. Sterilization bags will be available at the clinic dispensaries. You are responsible for cleaning the cement or any materials that the ultrasonic will not remove prior to turning them in to sterilization. The sterilization system will not remove these materials from your instruments. You are also responsible for bagging them for sterilization and appropriately identifying them with your WREB candidate number. Hours of operation will be:

<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>6:30 a.m. – 5:00p.m.</b>
<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>6:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b>

**The candidates that are renting clinic tray set-up and/or handpieces will receive a 1 to 1 exchange at dispensary.**

### **INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES**

### **ALL CANDIDATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EMPTYING THEIR TRASH CONTAINERS WITHIN THE OPERTORY THAT THEY ARE WORKING IN**

These guidelines are subject to change as the pandemic progresses. Our current guidelines are as follow:

Universal barrier protection is required during all direct patient contacts to reduce the possibility of cross-contamination. These protective measures include: the use of gloves, face masks, OSHA-acceptable eyewear, and clinic gowns. For aerosol generating procedures, an N95 (fit-tested) or half-face respirator is required. Disposable non-latex gloves and surgical facemasks will be available for you at the testing site. OSHA-acceptable eyewear will be provided to your patients only. You must provide your own protective eyewear. Patients undergoing aerosol-generating procedures are required to have a COVID screening (nasopharyngeal PCR) less than 7 days prior to the procedure. COVID tests can be arranged through the School of Dentistry prior to the exam. Results typically take 48 hours and the negative result must be provided to the Office of Patient Care prior to the scheduled procedure.

Disposable gowns for use during patient treatment will be provided by the School of Dentistry. Infection control guidelines at the UT School of Dentistry require that these gowns be worn only in the designated clinic area.



## **DISINFECTING/DISPOSABLE PROCEDURES**

### **SURFACE ASEPSIS**

The School uses two methods for surface disinfecting of the clinic operatory (patient chair, operator and assistant carts and stools, light handles, counter tops, etc.). The first method is surface covering by plastic wrap. The following surfaces are to be covered: light handle, light switch, chair switches, high volume evacuation control, air water syringe control, and saliva ejector control and bracket table. The second method is Tricide/Caviwipes disinfectant. Caviwipes will be used after each patient and the Tricide/Caviwipes disinfectant is to be used at the end of the day. Tricide/Caviwipes will be used for the following areas: Dental Chair, Delivery System and Dental Assistant arm.

### **HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL**

Contaminated (blood/saliva-soaked) items, such as used gauze, cotton rolls, gloves and disposable items such as saliva ejector and evacuation tips are placed in the plastic red biohazard bag in each operatory. At the end of the clinic appointment, these bags are deposited in the biohazard-labeled trash receptacles located in the soiled rooms located on each floor.

### **SHARPS/AMALGAMS DISPOSAL**

All needles, scalpel blades, and other potential sharps are to be placed in the red plastic sharps container located in each operatory. Containers for disposal of amalgam scraps will be located on the counter tops in each soiled room.

### **Campus Bookstore – Dental Supplies**

The Campus Bookstore's operating hours are Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. They are closed on Saturday and Sunday. The Bookstore has a very limited inventory of dental supplies. Please call before you arrive to check on needed supplies @ 210-567- 2841. The store is located at the main campus Academic Learning & Teaching Center (ALTC) on the 1st floor room #109.

### **BUILDING HOURS:**

The School of Dentistry Building on main campus will open at 6:00 a.m. for clinic days 1 and 2 of the Endodontic and Prosthodontic examinations.

The COHR Building at UT Dentistry will open at 6:00am for days 1, 2 and 3 of the WREB clinical examination.

### **CLINICAL HOURS**

The Western Regional Examining Board will only allow candidates to enter the clinical exam area at the prescribed time. (See your WREB Candidate Guide for times)

The Clinical examination ends at 11:00am on the 3rd day of the exam. All Candidates must be cleared from the Clinic no later than 12:00 noon. **THE CLINIC AREA WILL BE**

**CLOSED at this time.**

**PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION**

All candidates **MUST** wear their Candidates ID Label at all times. This numbered label will serve as his/her identification for attendance to the examination.

## **BASIC EMERGENCY AND SAFETY INFORMATION Floors 3rd & 4th**

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The examiner will have access to the school's automatic external defibrillator (AED) and provide appropriate action according to the American Heart Association (AHA) standards until emergency responders arrive.

Phones are located at:

- Faculty stations in clinic areas
- Front desk in reception area

For EMERGENCIES:

- Dial 911 from any clinic phone
- Dial 210-567-8911 if using your mobile phone

Fire

- Fire alarms located on walls in clinic area
- Fire extinguishers located throughout clinic marked with wall signs
- If fire alarm sounds, escort patient to nearest exit

Eyewash Stations (wear your protective eyewear):

- Marked by green "Eyewash" signs
- Located in both labs on each floor and in soiled handling rooms on each side of clinic
- Pull off the green caps, pull the metal stopper on the back of the faucet and turn the water on. Flush eyes thoroughly.

Emergency Oxygen:

- On wheeled cart across from Dispensary
- A bag valve mask (Ambu-bag) is located in the case above O2 cart
- On/Off lever is top of canister and turned with attached wrench. Flow knob is circular. Nasal cannula and tube is in bag on cart.

First Aid, Emergency Kits and Defibrillator (AED):

- First Aid Kit- dispensary on each floor
- Emergency Drug kit (red plastic box)- located on wall next to Ambu-bag
- Defibrillator (AED) mounted on the wall next to the dispensary in middle of clinic

Sharps Exposures and Swallowed Items Protocol:

- 1) Contact Dispensary personnel who will direct you to the appropriate medical facility.

**Please do not call the site for interpretation of the Candidate Guide provided by WREB. Questions regarding the examination process (e.g., content, patient requirements, paperwork or forms, etc.) should be directed to the WREB office at [dentalinfo@wreb.org](mailto:dentalinfo@wreb.org) or 623-209-5400, option 1.**

Attachment A

**CLINICAL DENTAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS**

Amalgam capsules & composite carpules	Evacuator tips	Polishing materials for restorations
Articulating paper	Face masks	Prophy paste
Amalgamator	Flowable Composite	Etch / Adhesive / Bonding agent
Autoclave tape	Facial tissue	Retraction cord
Barrier control for chairs, units & tray	Floss	Rubber dam
Cement-temporary & permanent	Gloves	Rubber dam napkins
Cotton pellets	Infection control gowns	Saliva ejectors-standard
Cotton rolls	Hemostatic Agents	Soap
Cotton squares	Impression Materials	Styrofoam instrument trays
Cotton swabs	Local anesthetic	Topical anesthetic
Counter Paper	Matches	Trash bags
Disinfectant	Mouthwash	Wedges
Drinking cups	Needles-short & long	Curing lights
Pulpal protectant agent (Theracal)	Paper towels	X-ray sensors
Patient bibs- napkins	Matrix tweezer, forceps, and clamps	Headrest Covers
2x2 & 4x4 gauze	Sectional matrix system	Tofflemire bands and matrix bands

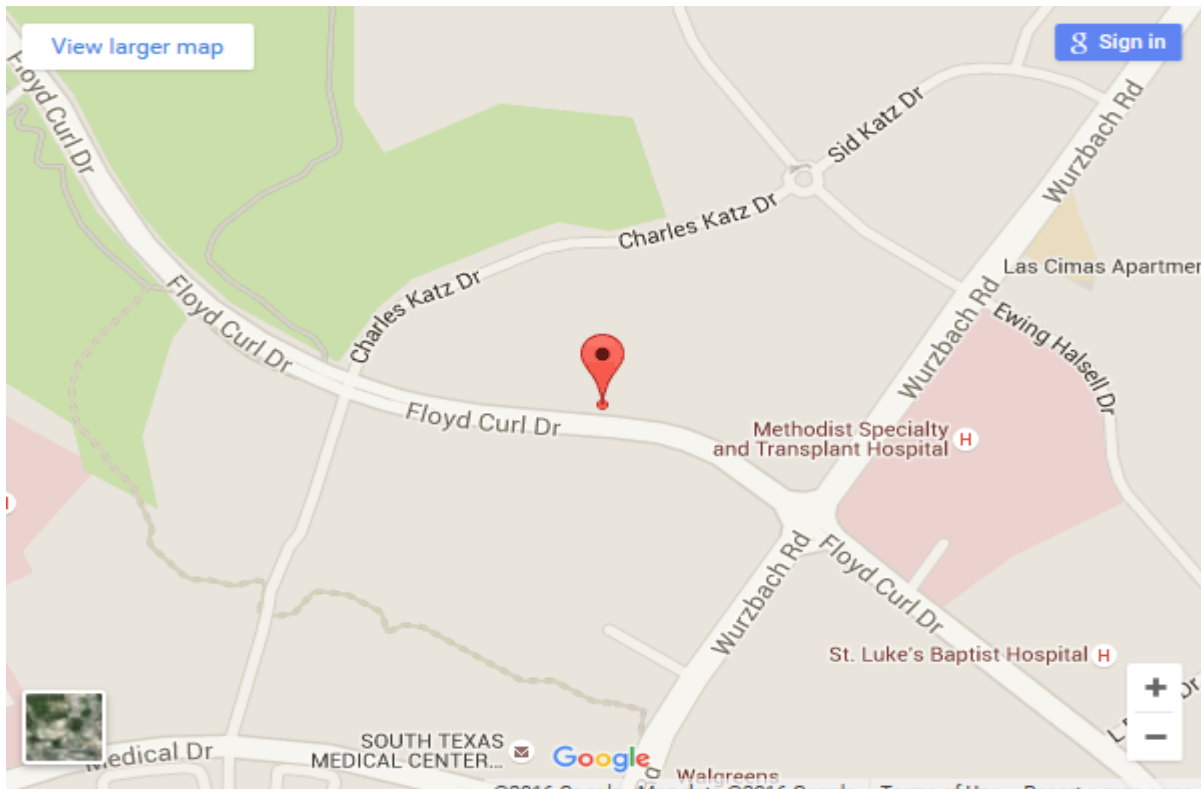
**ENDODONTIC and PROSTHODONTIC SUPPLIES & MATERIALS**

Air/Water Syringe	Gutta percha	Medicine cups
Alcohol Wipes	3 cc irrigating syringes	Eugenol
Bleach & paper cups	2x2 & 4x4 gauze	Matches
Needles	Absorbent points	Cotton Pellets
#15 Blade	Gowns	PVS Material (VP Mix Putty)
Face masks	Paper for bench tops	
Paper towels	Red rope wax	Gloves
Endo Files up through Size 30mm	X-ray mounts and sensors	Rubber dam
Rotary Master	Heat source-Bunsen burner	

# Directions and Parking: Center for Oral Health Care & Research (COHR)

Our UT Dentistry clinics are located at the Center for Oral Health Care & Research at 8210 Floyd Curl Drive.

## The Center for Oral Health Care & Research



## Visitor Parking

Patients and visitors may park in the parking garage or the open lot. There are designated handicap parking in both areas. There is a fee to park at the COHR which effective Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To get to the parking garage behind the building, turn on James P. Hollers Dr., which is adjacent to the Center for Oral Health Care & Research.

# Directions and Parking for the Endodontic and Prosthodontic Exams: Main Campus 7703 Floyd Curl

The section in front of the Dental School on the Main Campus (Dental Drive) is now metered parking. The map of the main campus is below and the light blue section is the metered parking. The cost to park there is \$.25 per 15 minute and \$6.00 all day (Monday through Friday 7am to 6pm).

