

**EXAM SITE INFORMATION FOR DENTAL BOARD CANDIDATES**



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**WESTERN REGIONAL BOARD EXAMINATION**

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**PATIENT BROKERING, I.E., THE SELLING OF PATIENTS, WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE WESTERNU PREMISES. VIOLATION OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE CAMPUS.**

## Welcome to the Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU), College of Dental Medicine

The college is located at 795 E. Second Street, Pomona, California, 91766 on the corner of Second Street and Towne Avenue. This handbook has been prepared to assist dental candidates for the Western Regional Board Exam (WREB). If additional information is needed after reading this handbook, please contact the Associate Dean for Patient Care and Clinical Education at (909) 469-8314.

### Travel and Housing Arrangements

#### 1. Airline and Airport Information

Two major airports serve the city of Pomona: Los Angeles International Airport (**LAX**) and Ontario International Airport (**ONT**). Depending on origination, candidates may find flights into both airports and should inquire when booking reservations.

#### 2. Ground Transportation To/From Airports

During non-rush hour periods, expect a minimum drive time of approximately 1 hour from **LAX** and approximately 30 minutes from **ONT**.

- a. Shuttle buses are available to and from both airports.
  - Super Shuttle – 800-258-3826
- b. Taxicab services are available to and from airports, hotels and the dental school. Some of the taxi services are listed below:
  - Bell CAB – 800-340-8294
  - Yellow Cab Company – 800-305-8294
- c. Rental car services are available at both airports. Listed below are just a few available:
  - Enterprise Rent A Car – 800-736-8222
  - Avis Rent A Car – 800-831-2847
  - Dollar – 800-800-3665
  - Budget – 800-527-0700
- d. Directions for driving from Airports:

**From ONT:** Start out going **east** on **E. Airport Dr** toward **North Way**. Turn left on **S. Archibald Ave**. Merge onto **I-10 W** via the ramp on the **left** toward **Los Angeles**. Take the **Towne Ave** exit, **EXIT 46**. Turn left onto **N. Towne Ave**. Turn **right** onto **E. Second Street, 795 E. Second Street** is on the **right**.

**From LAX:** Start out going **east** on **World Way/Center Way**. Merge onto **S. Sepulveda Blvd/CA-1 S** toward **I-105**. Take the **Imperial Hwy West/I-105 E** ramp toward **Imperial Terminal**. Merge onto **I-105 E** via the ramp on the **left** toward **Norwalk**. Merge onto **I-605 N**.

Merge onto **I-10 E** toward **San Bernardino**. Take the **Towne Ave** exit, **EXIT 46**. Keep **right** at the fork to go on **N Towne Ave**. Turn **right** onto **E Second Street**, **795 E Second Street** is on the **right**.

### **3. Housing**

Reservations should be made directly with hotels/motels. Some hotels/motels are listed below:

- **DoubleTree – Ontario**  
222 N Vineyard Avenue  
Ontario, CA 91764  
(909) 937-0900
- **DoubleTree – Claremont**  
555 W Foothill Boulevard  
Claremont, CA 91711  
(909) 626-2411
- **Hilton Ontario Airport**  
700 N Haven Avenue  
Ontario, CA 91764  
(909) 980-0400
- **Embassy Suites Ontario**  
3663 E Guasti Road  
Ontario, CA 91761  
(909) 605-0281

## **Western University College of Dental Medicine, Facility and Services**

### **1. Building and Access Hours**

#### **COVID-19 and Campus Clearance**

- The College of Dental Medicine and WesternU Health are committed to following health guidelines required by the CDC, state, and local public health authorities. Currently, the University is required to check COVID-19 symptoms daily for anyone on our Pomona campus, per local public health authorities.
- Employees, patients, and guests may be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering campus. An electronic survey accessible by QR code or evaluation by staff may be necessary before entering either the HEC or PCC.
- Any individual exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms may not be cleared to enter campus. Any individual that has recently been in contact with an individual with COVID-19 may not be cleared to enter campus.

#### **Patient Care Center**

The WREB clinical examination will be held in **The Dental Center** on the **3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Patient Care Center (PCC)**. The building will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the WREB examination, unless otherwise requested by the examiners.

**Health Education Center**

The WREB orientation and Endodontics examination will be held in the **Health Education Center (HEC)**. The building will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for candidates during the WREB examination, unless otherwise requested by the examiners.

## **2. Parking**

Western University offers limited free parking for patients, candidates and assistants during WREB examination dates. Parking for patients is located in the structure on the northwest corner of Towne Avenue and Second Street directly adjacent to the Patient Care Center.

Patients may park in any area designated for patient parking within the structure. Parking for candidates and assistants will be available in a designated university parking lot that will be communicated via e-mail approximately 2 weeks prior to the examination date. Any vehicle parked in reserved spaces is prohibited and is subject to citation by the City of Pomona.

The patient parking structure hours are from 6:15am to 1:30am daily. There is no overnight parking. Any vehicle left in the parking structure beyond hours of operation is subject to tow.

## **3. Registration and Identification Badges**

Identification badges will be issued to candidates by WREB during candidate orientation and will serve as an ID throughout the examination. The badge must be worn at all times while in the buildings. Badges must be turned in at the completion of the examination as part of the checkout procedure with the Western Regional Examining Board.

Prior to the examination, you will receive a link to a secure website to upload your patient digital radiographs for storage on MiPACS. Digital radiographs are exclusively used at WesternU. You will also receive your candidate login and password for axiUm via email. You will need this information to view your uploaded radiographs on the MiPACS server during the examination. This login information is also required to process and upload your digital radiographs taken during the endodontic portion of the examination. Please keep this information in a safe place.

## **4. ATM Machines**

There is an automated teller machine (ATM) located on the first floor of the Patient Care Center adjacent to the main stairwell and elevators. There is a surcharge of \$2.50 per transaction. In addition, your bank may also charge a separate transaction fee. Please refer to your bank for more information on using out-of-network ATMs. This information may be subject to change without notice.

## **5. Food Service**

There is a café (Outtakes) in the HEC building on the first floor. Café hours are 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Vending machines are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of HEC adjacent to Room 2042. Small microwave ovens are available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the HEC building in Room 2010 for your convenience. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Outtakes and common eating areas are currently closed. However, local restaurants remain open for take-out services. Dental candidates may elect to eat outside the HEC and PCC.

No food or drink is allowed in The Dental Center.

## Provisional Acceptance

WesternU is a participant in the Provisional Acceptance program provided by WREB. All internal and external candidates are encouraged to utilize this program to facilitate their exam process. External candidates will receive email instructions to upload their patient information and radiographs via secure website approximately mid-January. All provisional acceptance submissions are due **4:30pm, April 8, 2021** to ensure adequate processing time for transmission to WREB.

## Patient Screening and Radiographs

WesternU **cannot** provide patients for candidates. Candidates are not permitted to inquire the college to obtain patients or patient records. It is highly recommended that all candidates secure their patients for examination procedures well before the examination along with any necessary radiographs. However, in the event that this is not possible, all candidates may use the dental school to screen patients, including use of radiology facilities for limited time prior to the examination. These screenings can be performed in The Dental Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Patient Care Center (please see dates/hours of operation following). Screening patients and candidates must sign a waiver of liability prior to the usage of clinic facilities. Any radiographs taken on a potential patient require authorization of a WesternU College of Dental Medicine faculty member assigned to the screening area. Instructions will be provided for candidates on taking digital radiographs. Candidates are expected to take their own radiographs when screening patients at WesternU - no assistance will be provided. **There is a usage fee of \$50 per patient.**

**WesternU does not provide any facilities and/or equipment to process or view conventional radiographs. Please refer to the WREB and/or the WREB Candidate Guide for information on the use of conventional radiographs during the clinical exam. The Dental Center uses digital radiography acquired with storage phosphor plates (Soredex Optime) only.**

**Candidates planning to submit conventional radiographs for any portion of the exam (with the exception of the Endodontic working and treatment radiographs) should refer to the WREB and/or the WREB Candidate Guide for guidelines.**

**Endodontic working and treatment radiographs during the examination will be taken and submitted digitally. WesternU will provide all equipment and supplies necessary to take Endodontic working and treatment radiographs during the Endodontics examination.**

**All digital radiographs for use during the examination that have not been taken through patient screenings at WesternU must be submitted electronically (via secure website) to the college seven days prior to the exam in order to be transferred into the MiPACS database. Absolutely no electronic submissions will be accepted after 4:30pm, April 8, 2021.** Radiology will be available during the same hours as screening, but very limited (emergency) access will be available during the WREB exam.

Screening and radiology for candidates will be permitted on an appointment basis only between the business hours of 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the following period: March 22, 2021 to April 16, 2021. Please contact The Dental Center at (909) 706-3910 if you wish to make an appointment to screen a patient for the WREB examination.

Candidates utilizing The Dental Center are required to follow the infection control policy of WesternU College of Dental Medicine and to wear proper clinic attire. Use of the clinic for screenings and/or taking radiographs must be scheduled by a front-office staff member and will be on a space-available basis.

## **Preparing for the Exam**

### **1. Clinic Operatories**

Each candidate will be assigned a clinical operator by the WREB, which will correspond to the candidate's ID badge issued at orientation. Each operator is equipped with (1) dental chair (Adec), (1) delivery unit (Adec), (1) operator chair, and (1) assistant chair. Any equipment malfunctions should be reported to Mr. Craig Christianson (909-706-3824). Candidates will be allowed to move in to the assigned operatories at a time to be determined by the WREB. Please note: Cabinets are not available for storage. However, clinics are secured before and after exam hours.

### **2. Equipment, Instruments and Materials**

Items supplied by the school are listed in the supplemental section at the end of this handbook.

#### **a. Equipment Rentals**

WesternU does not provide equipment rentals to candidates. Candidates must bring their own equipment and handpieces. Sterilization services are provided to candidates for their instruments and handpieces. Please see the section entitled "Sterilization" for further details.

#### **b. Handpieces**

All Adec dental chairs (including Endo examination simulation units) are equipped with RQ-24 (6-Pin) and RQ-04 (4-Pin) connectors for high speed and slow speed handpieces, respectively.



RQ-24 (6-Pin)



RQ-04 (4-Pin)

Please note that while standard 5-pin high speed handpieces will fit in the receptacle for the RQ-04 (4-pin) connector, the water supply has been disabled permanently for this connection. Candidates should also be aware that the RQ-04 (4-pin) connector does not have a fiber optic light source. WesternU does not offer any assistance for candidates attempting to use unsupported connections.



**NO adaptors/couplers are available. Please be sure you have the required handpieces.**

**c. Ultrasonic Scalers**

All dental units are equipped with quick-connect water sources and are compatible with Dentsply SPS and/or most Dentsply cavitron units. The following is an example of the connector that is compatible with the quick-connect water source.



**d. Amalgamators**

Several Kerr OptiMix amalgamators are available for use throughout the entire exam clinic. If you plan on using these amalgamators, please verify its location in the clinic prior to the exam. These amalgamators are available to use for all candidates and are not to be moved. Please observe all infection control protocols when using these amalgamators.

**e. ModuPro for Endodontics and Prosthodontics Exam**

The WREB endodontics examination will use the ModuPro Endo model #MP-E120-PC. The WREB prosthodontics examination will use the ModuPro One model #MP-R320. If candidates are taking both the Endodontics and Prosthodontics exams, the ModuPro One gums and endodontic sextants are interchangeable with the ModuPro magnetic carrier trays and articulator. Please order all applicable items from Acadental at [www.acadental.com](http://www.acadental.com) and bring them with you since the college does not have any to rent. Please contact Acadental for assistance in obtaining any items required for the endodontics exam. **Shrouds will be provided; they are not necessary to bring for the examination.**

**f. School Store**

WesternU does not have a school store. However, the 3rd floor clinical dispensary of The Dental Center does have a limited assortment of instruments, burs, and supplies available for purchase before and during the WREB examination. If needed, candidates are encouraged to purchase any instruments, burs, and/or supplies early as quantities are limited. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor clinical dispensary only accepts major credit cards as a form of payment.

### 3. Sterilization

Instruments that belong to you should be properly cleaned, dried, bagged, and marked with appropriate candidate ID and name. Bagged instruments should then be turned in at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor central sterilization for steam sterilization. Sterilization time is a minimum of 3 hours.

Sterilization services are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. As stated above, there is a minimum turnaround time of 3 hours for personally owned items.

### 4. Dental Wet Laboratory

Candidates have access to one wet laboratory during the exam. Student laboratory, Room 3117, is available only during regular exam hours. There are no facilities available for casting restorations. The following items are available to candidates for use in the clinical laboratory:

- Dental Lathes
- Model trimmers
- Vibrators
- Whip Mix vacuum mixing machines
- Compressed air

### 5. Dental Laboratory Services

Western University does not provide professional dental laboratory services. Candidates that need dental laboratory services may be able to obtain them at one of many local dental laboratories in the area. The following is the contact information for one local dental laboratory that may provide expedited services during the WREB examination period and is not affiliated or endorsed by Western University or WREB. Candidates that need dental laboratory services are encouraged to seek one that best fits their needs and contact them directly.

- **Highlander Dental Ceramic**  
1785 W Arrow Rte, Ste A1  
Upland, CA 91786  
(909) 931-9673

## During the Board

### 1. Infection Control

#### a. Surface Asepsis

- The switch and handles of the unit light, dental unit handles, and operator control pads must be covered with barrier tape (provided). Air-water syringes and evacuators must be covered with clear plastic bags (provided).
- The dental unit, counter tops, and dental chair should be disinfected with Pro-Spray wipes.
- The patient chair should be covered with plastic bags (provided).

#### b. Personal Protective Equipment

- Appropriate clothing is required – scrubs, no open-toed shoes
- Disposable gowns, gloves and masks are provided and located in the clinic. WesternU Health CDM will provide each candidate with a total of 2 N-95 masks and multiple surgical masks.
- Candidates need to provide their own OSHA-compliant protective glasses. The school will provide protective glasses for patients on a “loan” basis.
- Antiseptic soap is available at sinks in the clinic.

#### c. Hazardous Waste

- Any blood/saliva-soaked waste is considered hazardous and must be disposed of in biohazard bags and biohazard trash receptacles located throughout the clinic.
- Biohazard bags may be attached to the sides of the bracket tray. At the end of each session, bags should be sealed with tape and placed in the biohazard waste container located next to the 3rd floor dispensary.

#### d. Sharps Disposal

- All needles, anesthetic cartridges, blades, and any other potential sharps are to be placed in the red sharps containers located under the counter of each cubicle.

#### e. COVID-19 Survey and Clearance Pass

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University is required to check COVID-19 symptoms daily for anyone on our Pomona campus, per local public health authorities.

- Employees, patients, and guests may be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering campus. An electronic survey accessible by QR code or evaluation by staff may be necessary before entering either the HEC or PCC.
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## **2. Medical Emergencies**

In order to alert emergency personnel to a medical emergency and not unduly alarm the patient population, the following protocol must be followed upon discovering a serious medical emergency:

- a. The patient will remain in the care of the candidate or person discovering the problem. The patient must not be left alone. The assistant or responsible person will be sent to report the problem to the Floor Examiner.
- b. The Floor Examiner will make a judgment as to whether a “Code Blue” emergency exists.
- c. The assistant will be sent to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor clinical dispensary for an emergency kit and a request that the dispensary staff place an immediate call for emergency personnel.

If a “Code Blue” emergency has been declared, Dispensary personnel will immediately place calls to 911.

- d. In all possible emergencies:
  1. Terminate the dental procedure
  2. Notify the floor examiner
  3. Position the patient – supine if unconscious
  4. Perform the CABS of CPR
    - a. Circulation – check pulse
    - b. Airway check - reposition airway as needed
    - c. Breathing check- rescue breaths or start CPR as needed
- e. The examiner assumes responsibility for resuscitative procedures and the administration of emergency drugs until revived by other personnel.

**Exam Room Assignments**

**Building and Room**

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

Candidate Orientation

HEC 1207B – Classroom B (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

School Tour

HEC 1207B – Classroom B (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

**Friday, April 23, 2021 thru Sunday, April 25, 2021**

Clinic Exam Area (3rd floor)

PCC 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – The Dental Center

Manikin Exam and Simulation Exam

HEC 3124 Sim Clinic (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

**Please refer to the official WREB documentation for the schedule of times**

## Dental Supplies

Items Supplied by Clinical Dispensary (items not listed are the responsibility of the candidate):

- Air/Water syringe tip, disposable
- Amalgam capsules
- Articulating paper
- Autoclave tape
- Biohazard bags
- Sterilization bags
- Trash bags
- Cement, temporary (Temp Bond)
- Cement, permanent (RelyX Luting Plus)
- Cotton gauze – 2x2
- Cotton pellets
- Cotton rolls
- Cotton swabs
- Cups, drinking
- Deck paper
- Disinfectant (Pro-Spray Wipes)
- Evacuator tips
- Face masks (1 N95 mask and multiple surgical masks)
- Facial Tissue
- Floss
- Gloves
- Headrest/chair covers
- Hemostatic agents (Hemodent, Viscostat)
- Impression Materials (PVS)
- Impression trays, disposable
- Instrument trays, disposable
- Local anesthetic (Lidocaine 2% 1:100k epinephrine, Marcaine 0.5% 1:200k epinephrine, Mepivacaine HCl 3%, Septocaine)
- Mouthwash
- Napkins, patient
- Needles, short and long
- Paper towels
- Patient bibs
- Polishing materials
- Prophy paste
- Retraction cord
- Rubber dam
- Saliva ejectors
- Soap, hand
- Topical anesthetic
- Tray covers
- Digital radiographs via storage phosphor plates (Soredex Optime)

Items Supplied in Dental Wet Laboratory:

- Mounting Plaster
- Microstone

Items Supplied for Endodontics and Prosthodontics Exam:

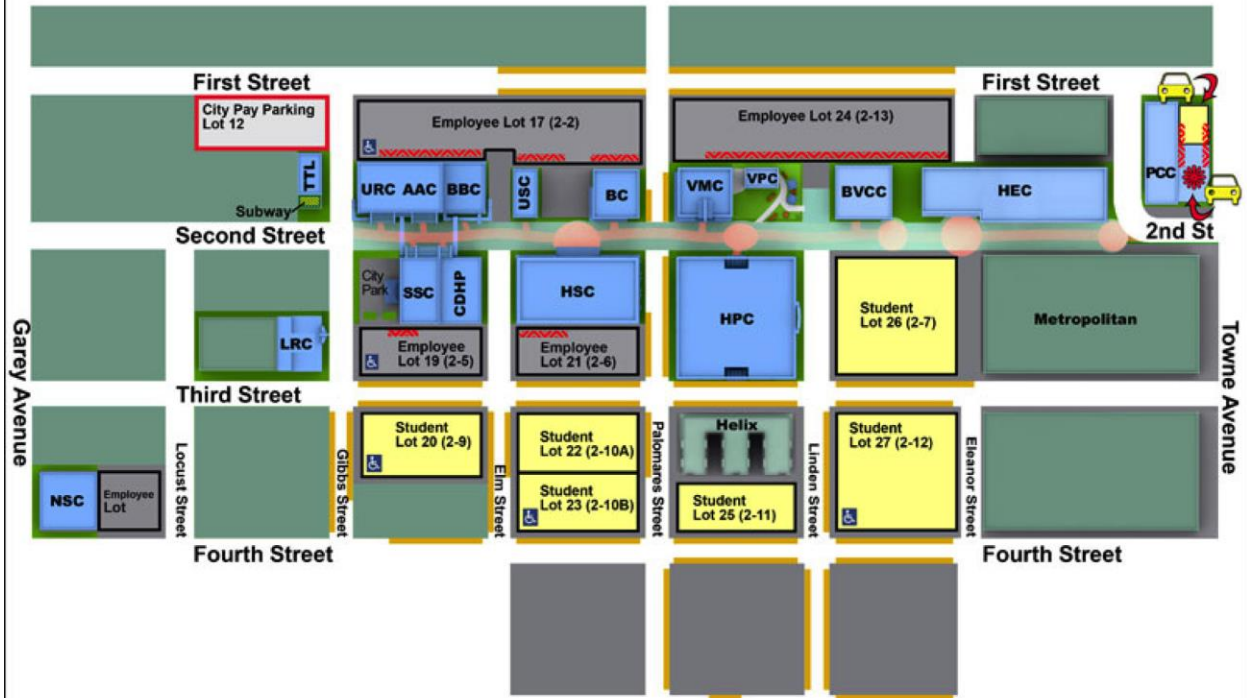
- Air/Water Syringe
- Face masks (1 N95 mask and multiple surgical masks)
- Gloves
- Gowns
- Isopropyl alcohol wipes
- Rubber dam
- Sodium Hypochlorite (bleach)
- Zip lock bag (from WREB)
- PVS material for putty matrices

**Please note: Candidates must provide their own endodontic files**



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The WREB clinical examination will be held in the WesternU Dental Clinic located on the 3rd floor of the **Patient Care Center (PCC)**

Parking is provided for candidates, assistants, and patients in the **parking structure located adjacent to the Patient Care Center (PCC)**

The WREB orientation and Endodontics examination will be held in the **Health Education Center (HEC)** located across 2nd Street from the Patient Care Center (PCC)



