

# **EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

## **DENTAL HYGIENE**



### **Exam Site Information for Candidates Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) 2021 WREB Hygiene Examination**

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The faculty at El Paso Community College (EPCC) Dental Hygiene Program welcomes you to our campus. This handbook has been prepared to help you plan for your clinical board examination at EPCC. The information presented here should answer most of your questions; however, if you have additional questions/concerns after reading this handbook, please feel free to contact us by e-mail. The School Coordinator and site contact is Kathryn Villapana. Her e-mail address is [kvillapa@epcc.edu](mailto:kvillapa@epcc.edu). If you have questions about the Candidate Guide provided by WREB regarding the examination process (e.g. content, patient requirements, paperwork or forms, etc.), you need to direct those questions to the WREB office [www.wreb.org](http://www.wreb.org) or phone: (623) 209-5400.

## School Facility and Services

### *Location, Building Access and Hours*

The EPCC Dental Hygiene Clinic is physically located at 1001 N. El Paso Street, Allied Health & Science Building #4080 (also known as H-Building), El Paso, Texas, 79902.



*Pictured above is the Health and Sciences Laboratory Building #4080 (H-Building)*

The room number for the Dental Hygiene Clinic is H112, located on the first floor of the H-Building, adjacent to the EPCC Parking Garage. The clinic is accessible from the third floor of the parking garage. The building is open from 6:00AM – 6:00PM daily during the exam dates.

See a map of the campus in the appendix.

## Parking

Parking is available in the EPCC Parking Garage for all candidates and patients. The parking garage is open from 6:00AM to 6:00PM during the exam dates.



*Pictured above is the EPCC Parking Garage adjacent to the Health and Sciences Laboratory Building #4080 (H-Building)*

There is no fee for parking in the garage. Parking passes are not needed at this time. Do not park in designated handicapped spaces without an official handicap sticker. EPCC will not dismiss a ticket for illegally parking in a designated handicap space.

## Directions

From East El Paso:

1. Take I-10 West
2. Exit Mesa St. (Downtown Exit 19A)
3. Stay on Yandell St.
4. Turn Right on El Paso St.
5. Turn Left into EPCC Parking Garage
6. Go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor and park in any available parking spot
7. Walk through the gate, cross the courtyard, and proceed through the double doors to the left into the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the H-Building.
8. You will be screened for COVID-19 upon entering the building.

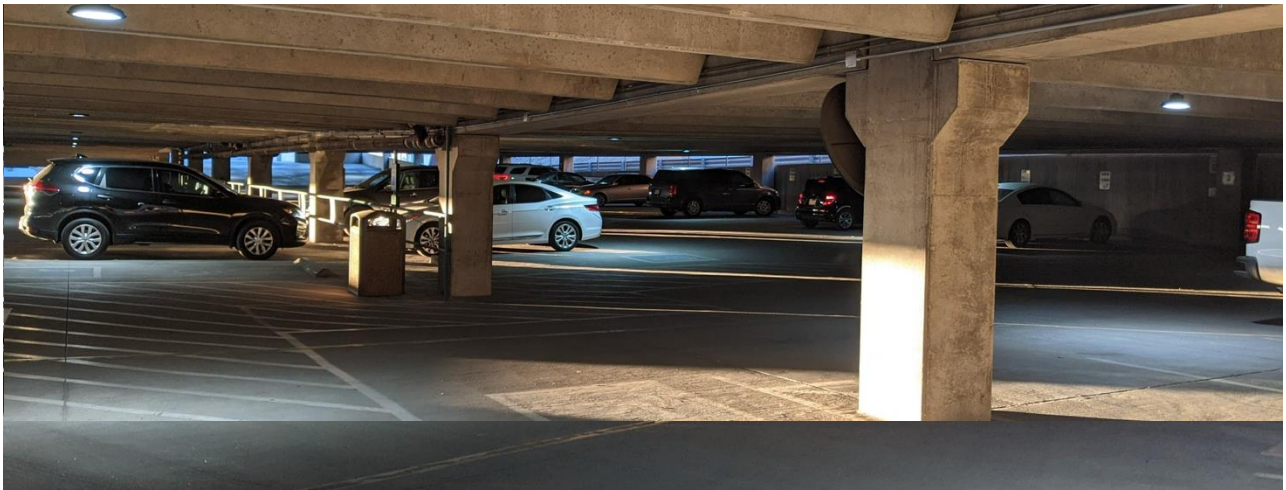
From Northeast El Paso:

1. Take US-54 Patriot Freeway to I-10 West
2. Exit Mesa St. (Downtown Exit 19A)
3. Stay on Yandell St.
4. Turn Right on El Paso St.

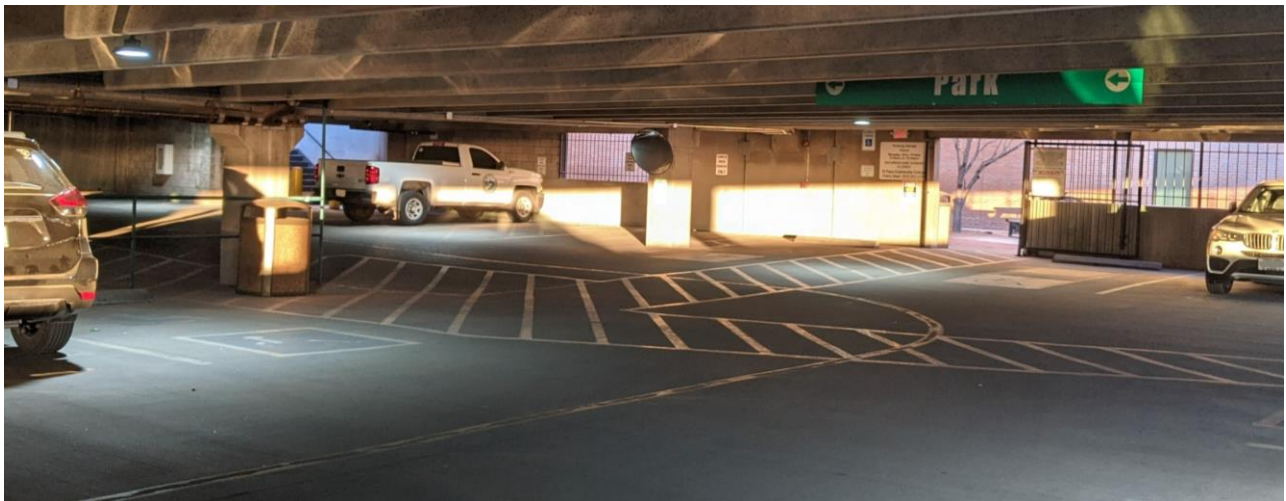
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From West El Paso:

1. Take I-10 East
2. Exit Downtown Exit
3. Turn left on El Paso St.
4. Turn Left into EPCC Parking Garage
5. Go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor and park in any available parking spot
6. Walk through the gate, cross the courtyard, and proceed through the double doors to the left into the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the H-Building.
7. You will be screened for COVID-19 upon entering the building.



*Pictured above is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Parking Garage.*



*Pictured above is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Parking Garage and the Gate leading into the courtyard.*



*Pictured above is the courtyard connecting the Parking Garage to the Health and Sciences Laboratory Building #4080 (H-Building). Enter the building on the Left side.*

## **Security and Emergency Services**

For non-emergencies, contact EPCC Campus Police at (915) 831-2897 or (915) 831-2898. For emergencies, contact EPCC Campus Police at (915) 831-2200. There are no public telephones available in the H-Building. In the event of an emergency and a phone is needed, contact the School Coordinator who will be on-site during the entire examination.

## **ATM Machine**

There is no working ATM available located in H-Building or on the EPCC Rio Grande Campus. Chase Bank, Bank of America and Wells Fargo financial centers are all located about 0.5 miles southeast from the EPCC Rio Grande Campus.

- Chase Bank: 501 N Mesa St, El Paso, TX 79901
- Bank of America: 330 N Mesa St, El Paso, TX 79901
- Wells Fargo: 222 N Kansas St, El Paso, TX 79901

## **Food Services**

There are vending machines located on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the H-Building. There are no other food or beverages and no open water fountains available on campus. EPCC Dental Hygiene will provide water bottles in the reception area. There are several local restaurants and fast food restaurants in the surrounding area, many of which are located within 1.0 – 2.0 miles from the Clinic near the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) area. Examples include: Raising Cane's, Whataburger, Taco Bell, Chipotle, Pizza Joint, Rib Hut, The Little Shack, Panda Express, Subway, Jimmy John's, Insomnia Cookies, and Village Inn.

## **Preparing for the Hygiene Exam**

### **Patient Screening**

EPCC Dental Hygiene cannot provide patients (or back-up patients) for candidates. Candidates should not make requests of anyone associated with the college (faculty, administration, or staff) for possible back-up patients, patient information, patient consultation, advice, or patient records relating to any patient being considered for the

WREB examination. All questions should be directed to appropriate WREB Officials. Recruitment of patients for the exam is entirely the candidate's responsibility.

Prior to the start of the examination, the clinic and radiology areas will be open for candidates to screen patients and expose radiographs by appointment only. To schedule a screening appointment please contact the School Coordinator, Kathryn Villapana at (915) 831-5714 or [kvillapa@epcc.edu](mailto:kvillapa@epcc.edu).

## **Radiographs**

EPCC Dental Hygiene uses digital radiography only. Traditional film, film processing, and duplication services are not available; however, view boxes are available for use at no additional fee.

Radiograph facilities and equipment are available to candidates for exposure and printing of patient radiographs. **EPCC Dental Hygiene charges a one-time fee of \$25.00 for radiology services to include printing up to 3 pages (each additional page is \$5.00).**

## **Administration of Local Anesthetic**

EPCC Dental Hygiene has a dentist available (that meets the prescribed criteria as stated in the Candidate Guide) during the exam to administer local anesthetic for patients, if applicable. EPCC Dental Hygiene provides all the required anesthetic supplies to the candidates. The dentist is available throughout the duration of the exam days. There is no additional fee for this service or armamentarium.

There will be a sign-up sheet during the exam and administration will be based in order of sign-up. This process will be further explained during orientation.

## **Equipment and Instruments**

Dental operatories are DCI-Edge (Series 5) and A-Dec (411) brands with the delivery systems located behind the chair. WREB requires the candidate provide all clinical instrument set-ups. EPCC Dental Hygiene does not have any clinical instruments available for rental.

Candidates must provide their own digital blood pressure machines and respective batteries. If needed, manual blood pressure cuffs and stethoscopes are available.

Slow speed handpieces are not available for use. If candidates need to polish, they must provide their own slow speed handpiece, prophy angles, and prophy paste. The handpiece attachment is a five-hole screw-on air/water connection.



*Pictured above is the five-hole screw on air/water connection.*

An HVE system **MUST** be used in conjunction with the use of the ultrasonic scaler. EPCC Dental Hygiene have HVE devices available for use on a first come/first serve basis – Mr. Thirsty, Dentsply Purvac, and ErgoFinger. In addition, short and standard HVE ejectors are available.

If a malfunction occurs of any operatory equipment during the examination, it must be reported to the Floor Assistant who will notify the School Coordinator.

## Ultrasonic Units

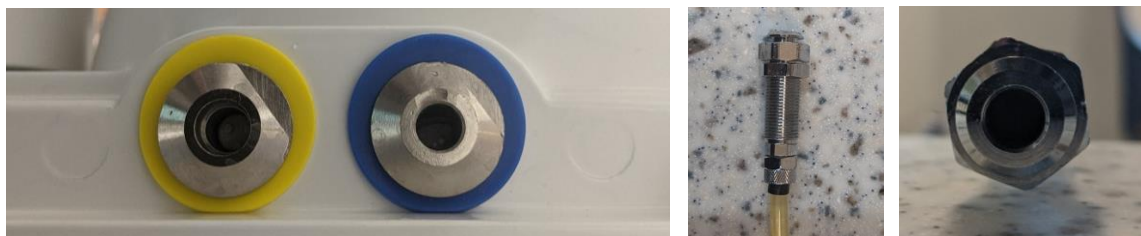
Each operatory is equipped with a 30K ultrasonic Dentsply Cavitron-300 unit (Cavitron Plus Ultrasonic Scaler with Tap-On Technology). EPCC Dental Hygiene provides the ultrasonic unit and the rotating handpiece. Only Dentsply inserts may be used on these machines.

**EPCC Dental Hygiene rents insert sets for a total of \$50.00 (sets include a Powerline 1000, Slimline 10, Slimline 10L, and Slimline 10R).**

If the candidate is not familiar with the Dentsply Cavitron-300, it is highly encouraged to read instructions for use on the company website. It is important to note that the units **ONLY** use 30K inserts.



If a candidate chooses to use their own ultrasonic unit, each operatory has a standard female quick-connect hook-up that accommodates typical magnetostrictive or piezon units.





## Expendable Materials

Expendable dental materials supplied by the school are noted below. Items not listed are the responsibility of the Candidate. All supplies will be available in the sterilization area.

| <b>Expendable Dental Hygiene Materials List</b><br><b>Provided by Exam Site Host (El Paso Community College)</b><br><b>The following will be provided in sufficient quantities for all Dental Hygiene Candidates</b>   |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| 2x2 gauze squares<br>9% saline solution mouthwash<br>Air/water syringe tips<br>Anesthetic(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local anesthetic(s) needles, syringes, and carpules with and without vasoconstrictors</li> <li>- Topical anesthetic(s)</li> </ul> Autoclave bags (S, M, L)<br>Autoclave tape<br>Barrier covers/tape<br>Blue paper wrap | Chair covers<br>Cotton-tip applicators<br>Drinking cups<br>Face masks, KN95<br>Face shields<br>Facial tissue<br>Gloves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-latex (XS, S, M, L, XL)</li> </ul> Instrument trays, autoclavable<br>Medicine pill cups<br>Patient bib clips, autoclavable | Patient napkins/bibs<br>Pen/pencil covers, disposable<br>Soap & hand sanitizer<br>Standard saliva ejectors<br>Standard and short HVE ejectors<br>Surface disinfectant, Advantaclear<br>Surface disinfectant, soap/water<br>Tongue depressor<br>Tray covers<br>Trash bags<br>Overgloves |

## Sterilization Services

Sterilization services are available to candidates at no charge under the following conditions:

- Instruments are submitted inside a cassette that is clearly marked with the Candidate ID
- No loose instruments will be accepted for sterilization

Instruments submitted for sterilization will be processed with a minimum turnaround time of five hours. The process may take longer depending on the number of other instruments.

Items submitted after 3:00 PM to the sterilization area will be available for pick-up the following day by 11:00 AM. Sterilized instruments ready for pick-up are located at the Check-In Desk.

If the candidate chooses to use the sterilization services provided by EPCC Dental Hygiene, the candidate assumes all liability for lost or damaged items submitted.

## COVID-19 Screening

- Everyone is required to wear a face mask to enter the building. A KN95 mask will be given to everyone that enters the building and is expected to be worn at all times within the building.
- The screening for COVID-19 follows the recommendations of ADA (see form below) and temperature will be taken upon entering the building.
- Companions will not be allowed in the building.
- Candidate and patients must practice social distancing; designated tape on the floor and chairs is placed six feet apart to accommodate for this. Do not move the furniture.
- Upon arrival, if a candidate and/or patient shows symptoms of COVID-19, they will be dismissed from the WREB exam and advised to consult with a physician, local health

clinic and/or testing site. If the candidate and/or the patient is feeling sick, feverish, or unwell, please do NOT come.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the (circle one):      Candidate      or      Patient

Temperature

(°F):                      \_\_\_\_\_

**SCREENING**

Have you had or felt any of the following in the last TWO WEEKS

(circle YES or NO):

|  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| Tested (+) for COVID-19?   | YES | NO |
| Currently awaiting COVID-19 testing results?   | YES | NO |
| Known close contact with a person confirmed (+) with COVID-19  | YES | NO |
| Fever or temperature of 99.5°F or higher?  | YES | NO |
| Felt ill   | YES | NO |
| Chills   | YES | NO |
| Muscle pain or body aches  | YES | NO |
| Shortness of breath or acute respiratory illness   | YES | NO |
| Cough  | YES | NO |
| Sore throat  | YES | NO |
| Flu-like symptoms  | YES | NO |
| Diarrhea   | YES | NO |
| Headache   | YES | NO |
| Recent loss taste or smell   | YES | NO |
| Do you have underlying health conditions (examples: HBP, diabetes, asthma, heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease, or any auto-immune disorders)? | YES | NO |

Comments:

Screened as (circle one):      CLEARED      or      NOT CLEARED

Optionally, if you would like to answer, have you been vaccinated? Please explain (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> dose and when?).

\*IF DISMISSED: If applicable – Reason for being dismissed, what protocols were conducted, and comments:

Screener Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## During the Clinical Exam

### *Infection Control*

EPCC Dental Hygiene infection control policies follow CDC guidelines. These procedures will be reviewed during the orientation.

#### Surface Asepsis

- Advantaclear surface disinfectant is to be used with microfiber towels.
- Advantaclear surface disinfectant is not to be used on 12'o'clock cabinetry; a mild soap and water solution is used instead. This spray solution is available at every operator.
- After patient care and disinfection, suction lines must be flushed with the provided chemical and water flush for 1 minute each (per flush).
- Barriers must be used on light handles, air/water syringes, saliva ejector, HVE (if used), patient chair, and operator chair.



#### Personal Protective Equipment

- Appropriate clothing is required as specified by WREB, e.g. scrubs, ankle socks (no skin showing), closed-toe shoes.
- Hair is to be styled or secured so it will not fall forward and interfere during treatment. Male students facial hair must comply for adequate seal with N-95 respirator (or equivalent). A personal scrub cap or disposable hair bonnet that meets infection control guidelines must be worn upon entry into the clinic and for the duration of the exam.
- Acceptable hand jewelry is limited to one ring and a watch; jewelry is not to interfere with glove integrity or use. In addition, a medical alert bracelet may be worn, if applicable. No other jewelry is permitted.

- Nails must be short, neat, and free of any type of polish. Artificial nails are not permitted.
- Candidates must provide their own OSHA accepted protective eyewear for both themselves and their patient; dental loupes for the candidate may be used in lieu of safety glasses.
- Candidates must wear a face shield; complimentary face shields are provided by EPCC Dental Hygiene, no additional fee for use.
- **Candidates must provide their own NIOSH approved N-95 respirators (or equivalent). Candidates must wear the N-95 respirator (or equivalent) and a face shield during the entire examination.**
- Patients will wear a KN-95 mask (provided at entry into the building) at all times when treatment/assessment is not occurring.
- Gloves, disposable bonnets and disposable barrier gowns are provided. If the candidate has a special need or preference, they must provide their own.
- Barrier gowns are only be worn inside the clinic area.
- Wash hands with soap before donning and after doffing gloves. If the candidate leaves the operatory for any reason, they must remove their gloves followed by hand hygiene.

#### Hazardous Waste Disposal

- Disposable bonnets and barrier gowns must be disposed of in the biohazard waste bin. Waste that contains bodily fluids must be sealed prior to disposing into the biohazard waste bin. All other waste may be thrown away in the trash receptacle located under the sinks in each operatory.
- Biohazard waste bins are located throughout the clinic.

#### Sharps Disposal

- All needles, anesthetic cartridges, and other potential sharps are to be placed in the sharps containers located in each operatory.

### **Medical Emergencies**

The following is a guide in the management and treatment of any medical problems occurring in the EPCC Dental Hygiene Clinic. The protocol must be followed upon discovering a medical emergency:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Person to the Scene:
  - o Tell the nearest person (considered the “2<sup>nd</sup> Person to the Scene”) “I have a **STAT SITUATION**”
  - o Assure the patient’s airway is open
  - o Place the patient in a semi-recumbent position
  - o Clear the immediate area of equipment such as rolling cabinet, operator chair, foot pedals, etc.
  - o Remain with the patient the entire time, calming and reassuring him/her
  - o Check the patient’s breathing and pulse
  - o Remove blood pressure kit from drawer and place on available counter
  - o Relate concisely to incoming Dentist the patient’s condition just prior to the emergency up to present time
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Person to the Scene:
  - o Immediately notify the Floor Assistant and the Dentist of the **STAT SITUATION**, noting at which operatory the situation exists

3. Floor Assistant:
    - Upon being informed that there is a **STAT SITUATION**, immediately go to the operatory that the situation is occurring and inform the Dentist that you are there to assist
    - If instructed, call the Campus police, extension: 2200 (school phone) or (915) 831-2200
    - If instructed, call for paramedics, 9-911 and be prepared to answer the following questions:
      - Your name
      - Your location:
        - EPCC Rio Grande Campus
        - Allied Health Building
        - 1001 N. El Paso Street (corner of El Paso & Rio Grande)
        - Dental Hygiene Clinic, Room H1112
      - Clinic phone number: (915) 831-4171
      - Patient's age
      - Sex of patient
      - If patient is conscious and breathing
      - Patients present symptoms (i.e., seizures, difficulty breathing, etc.)
      - If instructed, dispense medical emergency kit and or oxygen machine to the operatory
      - If instructed, go outside to the front of the building and wait for the arrival of the paramedics
  4. Dentist:
    - Dependent on the emergency, the dentist will determine if the situation has been resolved and treatment can continue. The Dentist will instruct the Floor Assistant how to proceed.
- Emergency equipment and the AED is located in and under the cabinet next to Operatory #5 on a rolling cart
  - The oxygen tank is in the corner next to the Pano Machine in Room H123
  - Eyewash stations are located in every sink next to the operatories
  - The telephone is located on the clean side of the sterilization area

## Travel and Accommodation Information

### *Airport Information*

El Paso International Airport is about 7 miles from EPCC's Rio Grande Campus. The website is: <http://www.elpasointernationalairport.com/>

### *Ground Transportation*

There are multiple transportation options from the airport. The above website will have all of the information. Several transportation options include:

- Pre-Arranged Ride Apps – AndaleRide, Lyft, Uber
- Car Rental Companies (located within the Airport) – Alamo, AVIS, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National, Payless, Thrifty

- Commercial Shuttles, Courtesy Shuttles, and Hotel Shuttles – <http://www.elpasointernationalairport.com/shuttles>
- Taxis – <http://www.elpasointernationalairport.com/taxis>
- SunMetro – Public Transportation: (915) 212-3333; <http://www.sunmetro.net>
- <http://www.elpasointernationalairport.com/car-rentals>

## **Hotel Accommodations**

Reservations should be made directly with the hotel. There are several hotels located close to the Rio Grande Campus. Candidates need to call for their rates.

Hotel options near the Rio Grande Campus:

Courtyard by Marriott El Paso Downtown/Convention Center (2 minutes, 0.3 miles)

610 N Santa Fe St

El Paso, TX 79901

(915) 532-7600

*Coffee Shop*

*Parking \$10.00 a day*

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel El Paso Downtown (1 minute, 0.2 miles)

600 El Paso St

El Paso, TX 79901

(915) 532-8733

*Restaurant/Bar*

*Self-Parking \$15.00*

Hilton Garden Inn El Paso / University (4 minutes, 0.9 miles)

111 W University Ave

El Paso, TX 79902

(915) 351-2121

*Restaurant/Bar*

*Free Parking*

Holiday Inn Express El Paso – Downtown (3 minutes, 0.6 miles)

409 E Missouri Ave

El Paso, TX 79901

(915) 544-3333

*Free Parking*

Hotel Paso Del Norte (4 minutes) (0.7 miles)

10 Sheldon Court

El Paso, Texas. 79901

*Restaurant and Bar*

# Appendices

## Campus Map



## Clinic Floor Plan

