Exam Site Information for Candidates
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2020 WREB Hygiene Examination

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Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC is making its facilities available to the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) as a testing site. This handout will address questions you may have regarding the facility and its role as a testing site. If you need additional information or clarification, please call the school coordinator, Socorro Gutierrez at (213) 740-740-1547.

Please DO NOT call the school for any interpretation of material contained in your Candidate Guide. Questions regarding the examination (content, patient requirements, paperwork, forms, etc.) should be directed to the WREB office at (623) 209-5400.

1. School Facility and Services
   • Location, Building Access and Hours: The School of Dentistry is located at 925 W. 34th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90089 (Jefferson Blvd., Vermont Ave. and Hoover St. border the school).
   • Parking: Please park at parking structure (D) on Jefferson and McClintock; enter through gate 5 or parking structure (D) on Jefferson and Royal, enter through gate 4. Daily passes are $12.00.
   • Security and Emergency Services: In the event of an emergency please call (213) 740-4321. However, there are also emergency phone locations conveniently located throughout the campus. Everyone must vacate the building through the nearest stairwell exit located at either end of the building. DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS. USC personnel will be assisting in the evacuation of the building. Once outside the building stay far away from any building and gather in the North parking lot.
   • ATM Machine: There are no ATM’s on campus. Please plan in advance.
   • Food Services Onsite: Several food and dining locations are open through the week (Jefferson Blvd. and Figueroa).

2. Preparing for the Hygiene Exam
   • Patient Screening: Candidates must provide their own patients. The Dental School does not assist Candidates in obtaining or screening patients, nor does it provide patient screening areas for Candidates. NO solicitation for patients is permitted in the school building, the immediate dental school campus area, or among other Candidates’ patients.
   • Radiographs: The Radiology Department is located on the first floor adjacent to the patient waiting area. Due to limited facilities, it is recommended that Candidates have radiographs taken before arriving at the Dental School. The Radiology Department will be available before the actual date examinations begin. During the examination radiology technicians will be available between the hours of 7:00 am to 4:30 pm to take and develop radiographs.

   2 PA’s including mount $25.00
   4 BWX including mount $35.00
   FMX including mount $70.00

   Payments are CAH ONLY.
• **Administration of Local Anesthetic:** USC does not provide practitioners to administer Local Anesthesia.

• **Equipment, Instruments and Expendable Dental Materials:** Refer to the respective WREB Candidate Guide for a list of materials and armamentarium that the Candidate must provide.

  A. **Handpiece and Prophy Angle Hookups:** Four-hole Midwest-style handpiece connectors for high-speed and low-speed handpieces. Candidate must furnish their own handpieces.

  B. **Sonic/Ultrasonic Devices:** A water quick-connect for ultra-sonic scaler units.

  C. **Air/Water Syringe Tips:** Tri-function air/water syringe. High-volume evacuation hose and saliva ejector hose (disposable tips provided).

  D. **Blood Pressure Cuffs and Stethoscopes:** The Candidate is responsible for providing their own.

  E. **Expendable Materials:** Expendable dental materials supplied by the school are noted in *Appendix A*. Add the expendable list to your document (items not listed are responsibility of Candidate).

• **Sterilization Services:** Central Sterilization is located next to the dispensary. The sterilization schedule will be posted during the examination. Sterilization bags will be available at the check-out window. You must clean and bag your own instruments appropriately with your name and Candidate identification number to ensure their return to you. Central Sterilization will NOT accept any items that have not been appropriately prepared and identified.

3. **During the Clinical Exam**
   - **Dental Operatory Units:** ADEC Unit.

   - **Infection Control (Surface Asepsis):** The infection control policies of the school follow ADA and CDC guidelines. They include universal precautions (all Patients must be treated as if they are infectious). The school requires the use of universal precautions, gloves, facemasks, eyewear and clinic gowns during all direct Patient care. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING OSHA ACCEPTABLE EYEWEAR FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR PATIENT.

   You are responsible to provide your OWN clinic attire, which meet the standards imposed by WREB. Candidates can pick up a disposable gown from the dispensary Room 106.

   A canister of surface disinfecting wipes is located by the windows and must be used before and after each Patient. Chair covers for the dental chairs are located on the main aisle walls and barrier wraps for light handles and gloves are located on mobile carts on the main aisle of the clinic.

   - **Hazardous Waste Disposal (exam-type specific):** Place biohazard waste, such as saliva ejectors, evacuator tips, gloves, gauze, cotton rolls in the plastic tan bag marked “waste”, and must be placed in the red biohazard labeled receptacles located at the end
of each cubicle section. Disposable gowns, with no evidence of blood, may be placed in the brown waste receptacle container located next to the red biohazard container.

- **Sharps Disposal**: Place all sharps (such as needed, scalpel blades, etc.) in the containers located against the wall of each cubicle and empty anesthetic cartridges into the containers for glass also located in the immediate area.

- **Emergency Medical Equipment**: Emergency kit and oxygen locations are located on the ground floor dispensary Room No. 118 and Radiology Room No. 129. AED Units (automatic emergency defibrillator) are available throughout the building located under the AED signs.

  Emergency Protocol:
  1. Stay with Patient and get someone to assist you.
  2. Notify the Chief Examiner and/or Floor Assistant immediately and them that you have a medical emergency.
  3. Check the Patient for Air, Breath and Circulation.
  4. Start CPR if indicated.
  5. The Chief Examiner will initiate the emergency call to the USC Security Officer/Paramedics. STAY WITH THE PATIENT.

4. **Travel and Accommodation Information**
   - **Airport Information**: Los Angeles International Airport, 1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045 - Phone (855) 463-5252.

- **Ground Transportation**:
  
  **Rental Cars**

  Rental Car offices are located off airport, away from airline terminals. The following rental car companies are authorized to pick-up and drop-off their customers at the airline terminals using courtesy shuttles. These companies meet arriving customers under the purple sign "Rental Car Shuttles" on the Lower/Arrivals Level islands outside baggage claim.

  Advantage [http://www.advantage.com](http://www.advantage.com)
  Alamo [http://www.alamo.com](http://www.alamo.com)
  Avis [http://www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com)
  Budget [http://www.budget.com](http://www.budget.com)
  Dollar [http://www.dollar.com](http://www.dollar.com)
  Enterprise [http://www.enterprise.com](http://www.enterprise.com)
  Fox [http://www.foxrentacar.com](http://www.foxrentacar.com)
  Hertz [http://www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com)
  Midway [http://www.midwaycarrental.com](http://www.midwaycarrental.com)
  National [http://www.nationalcar.com](http://www.nationalcar.com)
  Payless [http://www.paylesscar.com](http://www.paylesscar.com)
  Sixt [http://www.sixt.com](http://www.sixt.com)
  Thrifty [http://www.thrifty.com](http://www.thrifty.com)
• **Hotel Accommodations:**
  
  Radisson Hotel Figueroa  
  3540 South Figueroa Street  
  Los Angeles, CA 90007  
  (213) 748-4141  

  Wilshire Grand Hotel  
  930 Boulevard  
  Los Angeles, CA 90007  
  (213) 629-4321  

  Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel  
  5th and Figueroa Streets  
  Los Angeles, CA 90071  
  (213) 624-1000  

  Hyatt Regency Los Angeles  
  711South Hope Street  
  Los Angeles, CA 90017  
  (213) 683-1234  

**Expendable Dental Materials Appendices**

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- **Mask**  
- **Mouthwash**  
- **Alcohol**  
- **Needles (25G long & 27G short)**  
- **Anesthetics(s)**  
- **Over Gloves**  
- **Local anesthetic(s) with and without vasoconstrictor**  
- **Plastic Covers for Dental Chairs & Units**  
- **Topical anesthetic(s)(s)**  
- **Prophy Past and Pumice**  
- **Cotton Rolls**  
- **Styrofoam Trays (for instruments)**  
- **Cotton Tipped Applicators**  
- **Tongue Blades**  
- **Cups**  
- **Tray Covers Waste**  
- **Disinfectant Solution**  
- **Bags Hydrogen**  
- **Evacuation & Saliva Ejector Tips**  
- **Peroxide**  
- **Floss**  
- **Gauze**  
- **Gloves (latex & vinyl)**