



School Information for WREB Dental Hygiene Candidates

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

**Hygiene Exam
April 30th – May 3rd, 2021**

2021 WESTERN REGIONAL EXAMINING BOARD DENTAL HYGIENE 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 3rd and 4th floor at the Center for Oral Healthcare & Research (COHR). It is located at **8210 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, Texas 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.

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, Raising Cane'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. It is recommended that candidates have radiographs taken before arriving at the COHR if possible. 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 patient 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.

ALL SCHOOL RADIOLOGY IS DIGITAL and will be printed out for you. UT School of Dentistry radiology facility can assist in process of digital printed x-rays for outside candidates. School of Dentistry will not process conventional x-rays or have view boxes to view conventional x-rays on site. This facility is completely digital.

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 SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT

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.

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.

SONIC/ULTRASONIC DEVICES

The WREB allows the usage of sonic/ultrasonic devices as an adjunct to calculus removal. The Dental Hygiene operatory units will accommodate the DENTSPLY Bobcat, DENTSPLY SPS Unit and the USI 800 Manual Tuner Unit. Any other model Cavitron should be checked by the school **by appointment only** through the Office of Patient Care.

RENTAL POLICY:

Cavitrons available for rental are as follows: DENTSPLY Bobcats, DENTSPLY SPS, and USI 800 Manual Tuner Unit. The school currently has a limited supply of the SPS Units, but the school has adequate numbers of Bobcat Units. Cavitron tips that will be available are: Beaver Tail, Slimline and Universal. All tips are 25k. 30k tips are available for the SPS Unit. The candidate must furnish any other type tips. The rental fee for the School's cavitron package that includes tips will be \$50.00 payable either by cash, money order, cashier's check or credit card (V/MC). This rental fee is per candidate, per session.

All rental arrangements and payments must be made with the cashier on the day of the WREB Orientation (April 30th, 2021) **by appointment through the Office of Patient Care**. All hand pieces and equipment will be issued from the Clinic Dispensary at the start of your clinical exam. All rental equipment is the property of UT School of Dentistry. Loss or damage beyond normal wear and tear of the rented equipment (for example, breakage or dropping the equipment) will result in the renter needing to pay for repair and/or replacement of the equipment.

INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES

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 (use of Cavitron is aerosol-generating procedure) 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.

ANESTHETIC SUPPORT

UT School of Dentistry **will have a dentist available during the exam** to administer local anesthetic for your patients, if required. The dental school will provide the required anesthetic supplies to the candidates

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.

EXAMINATION SUPPLIES

UT School of Dentistry dispensary will provide the required expendable materials and supplies needed for patient care. These items will be issued from the Dispensary area (See list below). The dispensary will also provide supply items that will be located in each operator (cubicle). All cubicle items must be left in the cubicle upon completion of the exam. Any items not on the enclosed list are the responsibility of the candidate.

Dental Hygiene Exam Supplies Provided

- Paper towels, facial tissues
- Soap
- Surgical Masks
- Gloves-non-latex
- Barriers for operator, including headrest covers and tray covers
- Air water syringe, saliva ejector, HVE
- 2x2 and 4x4 gauze
- Topical: various flavors
- Cotton tip applicators
- Lidocaine 2% with 1:100,000 epinephrine or Carbocaine 3% (no epinephrine)
- Needles, 25 and 27 gauge (long and short)
- Prophy paste, cups and brushes
- Blood Pressure kit
- Small Styrofoam instrument trays for check-in and check-out
- Sterilization pouches
- Sharps containers
- Patient bibs
- Surface Disinfectant
- Ice Packs
- Antimicrobial mouthwash, drinking cups

If you would like your instruments sterilized upon completion of your exam, please take your bagged instruments to the sterilization window labeled contaminated. **YOU NEED TO PUT YOUR CANDIDATE NUMBER ON THE BAG.**

Note, we will not ultrasonic or remove your items from their labeled bags prior to sterilization.
Please allow 24 hours for sterilization.

BASIC EMERGENCY AND SAFETY INFORMATION Floors 3rd & 4th

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

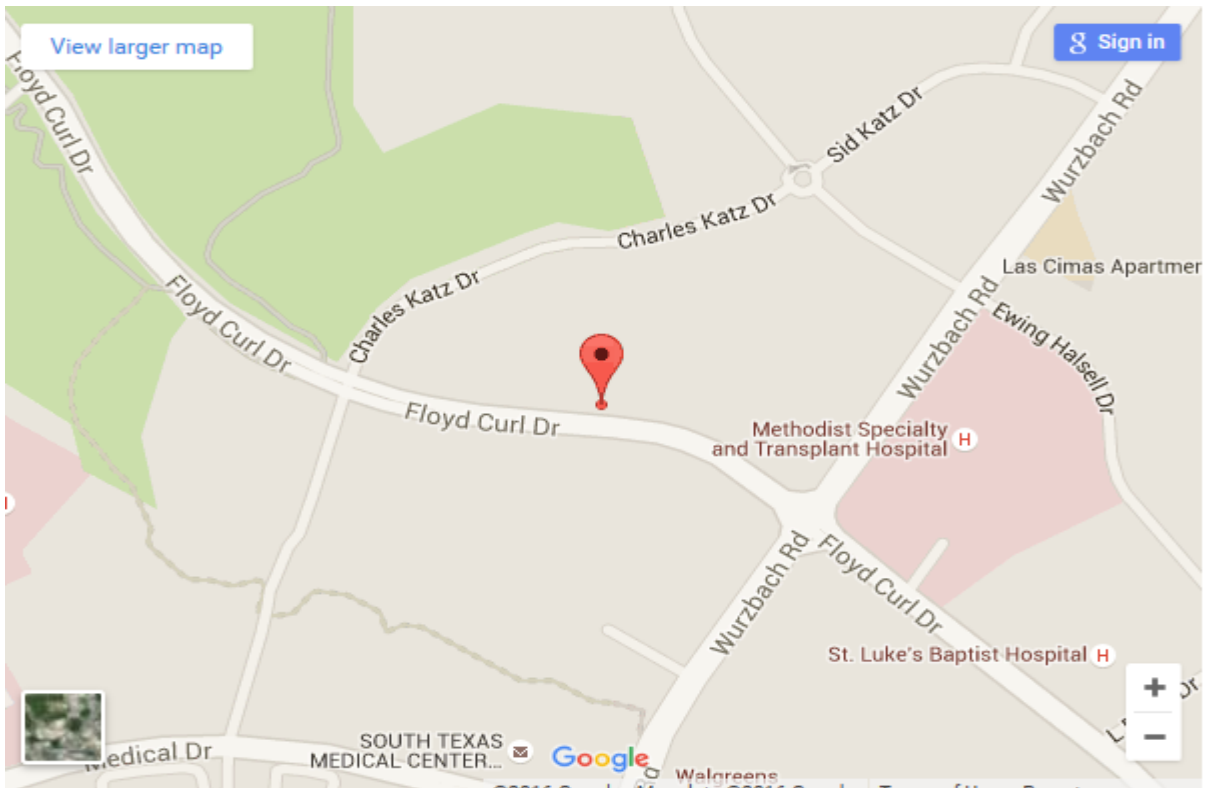
Sharps Exposures and Swallowed Items Protocol:

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

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

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The Center for Oral Health Care & Research



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