

**West Los Angeles College
Dental Hygiene Program**



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

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1. School Facility and Services

- **Location, Building Access and Hours:** Dental hygiene **CLINIC** address, telephone number and contact name for questions regarding the school, equipment, etc. Directions to Clinic entrance; building open 6:00am-6:00pm daily for duration of exam.

The Dental Clinic is located in the MSB Building, first floor, MSB 100 – Signs will be posted to provide directions to candidates and patients. The Address is 9000 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230.

Phone Number: (310)287-4464 or (310)287-4457

Directions: Directions on how to get to the campus and MSB Building, including a printable map, are found under the following link:

<http://www.wlac.edu/transportation/index.aspx>

- **Parking:** Parking is available at various locations. The lots that are easily accessible to the MSB Building are: Lot A, Lot 8A, and South Parking Structure*.
*Please see the location of the parking areas in our campus map (http://www.wlac.edu/WLAC/media/documents/transportation/wlac_map.pdf).
One-day passes are on sale at parking dispensers in all of the student/guest lots on campus. The pass is \$2.00. These machines do not give change nor accept coins. Please have two single dollar bills.
For more information, please access <http://www.wlac.edu/Transportation/Parking.aspx#sthash.1xgU5WJ4.dpuf>
- **Security and Emergency Services:** Onsite Security contact information and protocol. In case of an emergency, the WLAC Sheriff can be contacted at 310-287-4314
- **ATM Machine:** Not Available
- **Food Services Onsite:** Not Available

2. Preparing for the Exams

a. Hygiene Exam

- **Patient Screening:** Not Available.
- **Radiographs:** During the examination, Candidates may need to take supplemental radiographs onsite (e.g. additional teeth are required to meet the submission criteria or use of a peer's back-up patient for which radiographs are not available for a given quadrant). Access to radiographic equipment and materials must be available during the WREB exam for such instances. Radiographs may be taken and processed by the Candidate or by school personnel (e.g. School Coordinator, assistant, or other experienced school personnel).

No Fee Assessed. Portable radiography unit is available.

Radiographic equipment produces digital image.

Radiographic digital sensor, Film positioning device (Rinn-System)
- **Administration of Local Anesthetic:** Practitioner(s) from the school is **NOT AVAILABLE** to administer local anesthesia to Candidate Patients. There are no exceptions to this policy.
- **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:

All units are from the manufacture A-Dec Model 500, using a 4-holes connector for slow-handpiece.

During strict health order for the pandemic control, any aerosol producing device use is not permitted.

If the aerosol producing device is allowed to be used, all candidates are expected to bring their own unit, with a N95 respirator which is fit-tested, and a full-face shield.

There is no loaner unit for handpiece available.

B. Sonic/Ultrasonic Devices:

All units are equipped with hookups for ultrasonic scaler units for both magnetostrictive and piezo electronic type.

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If the aerosol producing device is allowed to be used, all candidates are expected to bring their own unit, with a N95 respirator which is fit-tested, and a full-face shield.

C. Air/Water Syringe Tips:

All the syringe tips are disposable. It must be Seal Tight Tip Disposable Air-Water Syringe tips. **DO NOT TAKE OFF THE ADAPTOR.**

TO INSERT: Simply push it all the way in until the tip is locked.

TO REMOVE: Pull back yellow ring back to release the lock, then pull out the tip.

REVIEW THE VIDEO FOR THE INSTRUCTION:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ec9PILQBn0>

D. Blood Pressure Cuffs and Stethoscopes:

The facility has a limited number of stethoscopes and sphygmomanometers. It is expected each clinician to provide their own. Large cuff sphygmomanometer is available if needed.

E. Expendable Materials: Expendable dental materials supplied by the school are noted in **Appendix A**.

- **Sterilization Services:** If available, specify time sterilization will open/close each day. **Candidates retaking onsite will need their instruments sterilized prior to retake clinic entrance.**

Sterilization area will close at 4:30pm each day, and it will be only available to those candidates that need to retake exam. Facility infection control protocol states that instruments opened and/or used during the exam will need to be transported out the facility in a plastic container with lid. Candidates cannot carry instruments on paper or plastic bag, wrapped on paper, or wrapped on aluminum foil. Patients are not allowed to handle candidate's used /contaminated instruments.

3. During the Clinical Exam

- **Dental Operatory Units:** A-Dec 500
- **Infection Control (Surface Asepsis):** Specify asepsis protocols pertinent to the exam only (i.e. dental unit, countertops, patient chair, light handles, etc.).

1. Turn unit on (master switch on the right of the bracket) and verify proper function of equipment (patient chair, operator chair, and overhead light) before you set up your operatory.
2. Wear utility gloves.
3. Purge stagnant water from air/water syringe line for 2 minutes into a cup.
4. Disinfect all the surfaces with the disinfecting wipes once, then discard the wipes. Then repeat the disinfect the same area with new wipes. (Wipe – Discard – Wipe technique).

Only the surface disinfecting wipes provided in the West Los Angeles College Dental Hygiene Clinic is to be used in the clinic. Other brands of disinfectant, either purchased elsewhere or obtained as samples, are not to be used, as they may contain ingredients that may deteriorate the clinic furniture and equipment.

Any surfaces (horizontal or vertical) within 6 feet of the patient's mouth must be considered contaminated after providing treatment that produces splatter therefore, cabinet doors, drawers, and instrument kits must remain closed during treatment. However, only surfaces that are touched must be cleaned and disinfected with the approved wipes or change the disposable barriers between patients.

5. Flush high and low suction tubes using ICV (Adec's vacuum line cleaning system) in your operatory for 2 minutes.
6. Remove the utility gloves and place them in the cabinet next to the ICV tank.

Place barriers as follow:

BARRIER TAPES: over light handles (2), light switch (1), operator chair knobs (2), clinician chair back (1), Barrier-tape any non-critical items you may need to handle during patient care (patient's mirror handle, timer, calculator, floss dispenser, lip lubricant, etc.)-----Minimum of 6 Tapes.

BAGS: headrest cover or patient chair back (1), side air/water/suction arm (1), and bracket tray (1) -----Minimum 3 bags.

BARRIER SLEEVES: on a pen (1), air/water syringe (1), slow speed suction (1), high speed suction (1) ---- Minimum 4 sleeves.

No need to barrier the keyboard and mouth during the exam unless during taking radiographs.

7. AFTER dismissing patient, discard sharps/cartridges into sharps disposable receptacles. Spray the enzymatic spray on the Instruments. The cassettes should be latched closed and placed in a plastic hard container.
8. Put on a clean examination gloves, purge the water from air/water syringe and ultrasonic water line for 2 minutes into a cup.
9. Flush high and low suction tubes using ICV for 2 minutes.
10. Remove the barriers and place them into one of the used large inverted chair/brackets covers. Discard the trash into the bag and knot the bag closed. Leave it besides the trash receptacle. The assistant will pick them up.
11. Discard contaminated examination gloves, put on new examination gloves under UTILITY GLOVES.

12. Disinfect all surfaces and all non-critical items which can tolerate moisture with utility gloves by using Wipe discard and Wipe technique. Let air-dry. Do not forget to disinfecting pens, clip board, face shield etc.

A. Hazardous Waste Disposal (exam-type specific):

- **Hygiene:** Procedure for disposal of blood/saliva-soaked waste.

If the blood is dried on materials, discard it in a regular trash can.

If the blood is dippable level and the liquid will come out from the gauze, discard it in a biohazardous bag.

B. Sharps Disposal: Indicate location of sharps containers. Specify which components may be placed in sharps container.

- Used needles are to be disposed of in the appropriate puncture resistant containers located in each cubicle area (red container may be found inside the cabinet above the sink)
- Used needles should not be purposefully bent or broken after use.
- Needles must be recapped only by using needle capping protective device or using the scoop technique.

- **Emergency Medical Equipment:**

See clinic floor plan where oxygen (O₂), AED, and emergency kit (E.K.) are located. The location of those will be shown during the clinic tour.

Medical Emergency Protocol:

The supervising dentist or clinic/laboratory instructor will be the Emergency Director until the outside paramedics are present. The dental hygiene clinical instructor will assist the supervising dentist. A minimum of one student will be assisting and recording vital information.

The dental hygiene receptionist will be the direct link to the **on-campus emergency line (4314 or 4315)**. The Emergency Director and/or dental hygiene clinical instructor will contact the campus sheriff who will determine whether L.A. County Fire/Ambulance/Paramedics is to be called prior to the arrival of the on-campus emergency team. Students not involved directly with the emergency will continue their clinical procedures as assigned. Additional assistance will be requested of dental hygiene students if needed.

4. Travel and Lodging Information

- **Airport Information:**

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

- **Ground Transportation:**

Los Angeles International Airport is located within 5 miles from West Los Angeles. Uber, rental car, or taxicabs are practical methods of transportation from LAX to our campus.

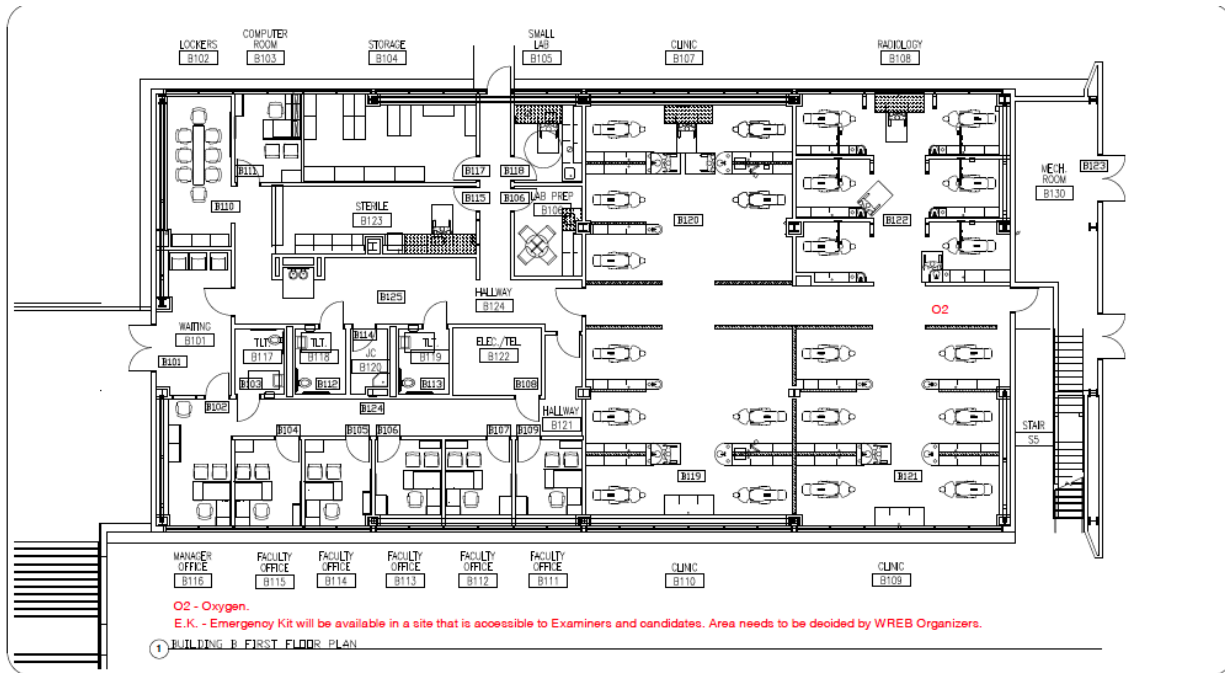
- **Hotel Accommodations:**

A variety of hotels can be found in close range from the WLAC Campus (9000 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230). Search sites such as www.expedia.com, www.hotels.com, www.travelocity.com, www.skyscanner.com, www.kayak.com and other searching online services will provide a diverse range of quality accommodation, price and proximity from campus.

5. **Campus Map:** Include map of campus and directions to clinic
 Current information about campus access is available from the site here:
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6. **Clinic Floor Plan:** Indicate Patient waiting area, Candidate clinic, Examiner grading area, areas of emergency equipment.



Required School-provided Expendable Dental Materials Appendices

APPENDIX A – Expendable Dental Hygiene Materials List Provided by Exam Site Host (School) To be provided in sufficient quantities for all Dental Hygiene Candidates		
2x2 gauze squares	Cotton-tip applicators	Patient bib clips, disposable
Air/water syringe tips	Drinking cups	Patient napkins/bibs
Antimicrobial mouthwash	Face masks	Prophy paste
Anesthetic(s)	Facial tissue	Sanitizing materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local anesthetic(s) with and without vasoconstrictors 	Gloves	Soap
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topical anesthetic(s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloves, nonlatex (S,M,L,XL) 	Standard saliva ejectors
Autoclave bags, small	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overgloves 	Surface disinfectant
Autoclave bags, medium	Headrest covers	Syringe Needles (long & short)
Autoclave tape	Instrument trays, disposable	Tray covers
Barrier covers/tape	Paper towels	Trash bags