

SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR DENTAL HYGIENE CANDIDATES

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Welcome to the Baylor College of Dentistry a component of The Texas A&M Health Science Center.

We are located at 3302 Gaston Avenue, Dallas Texas, 75246 next to Baylor Medical Hospital. This handbook has been prepared to assist dental hygiene candidates for the Western Regional Examination Board Exam. If additional information is needed after reading this handbook, please contact the Director of Dispensary Operations, Victoria Thompson, at (214) 828-8371.

Travel and Housing Arrangements

1. Airline and Airport Information

Dallas is served by two airports: DFW International Airport and Love Field Airport. Depending on origination, candidates may find flights into both airports and should inquire when booking reservations. Southwest Airlines is located out of Love Field.

2. Ground Transportation To/From Airports

In non-rush hour periods, expect a minimum drive time of approximately 30 to 45 minutes from DFW airport and approximately 20 to 30 minutes from Love Field airport.

- a. Shuttle bus is available to and from both airports.
 - A ABack Airport Taxi & Shuttle – 214-876-1735
- b. Taxi cab services are available to and from airports, hotels and dental school. Some of the taxi services are listed below:
 - Allied Taxi - 214-654-4444
 - Cowboy Cab - 214-428-0202
 - Yellow Cab – 214-426-6262
- c. Rental car services are available at both airports. Listed below are just a few available:
 - Advantage Rent A Car – 972-574-9201
 - Avis Rent A Car – 800-831-2847
 - Enterprise Rent A Car – 877-405-3778
 - Hertz Rent a Car – 972-453-4600

d. Directions for Driving from Airports:

- From Love Field: Start out going Southeast on Cedar Springs Road toward Aviation Pl., turn left onto West Mockingbird Ln., turn right onto Lemmon Ave., turn right onto N. Haskell Ave., turn right onto Gaston Ave., end at Baylor College of Dentistry, 3302 Gaston Ave., corner of Gaston Avenue and Hall Street, 3302 Gaston Ave. Dallas, TX 75246 (6.58 miles)
- From DFW: Start out going south on International Pkwy S/TX-97 Spur S (portions toll), merge onto TX-183 E toward Irving/Dallas, TX-183 becomes I-35E S./US-77 S., merge onto TX-366 E/ Woodall Rodgers Fwy. E via exit 429A toward I-45/Houston/US-75, take the Pearl St. exit, take the Pearl St. ramp, turn slight right onto N. Pearl St., turn right onto N. Pearl Expy., turn left onto Pacific Ave., Pacific Ave. becomes Gaston Ave., turn left to stay on Gaston Ave., end at Baylor College of Dentistry, 3302 Gaston Ave., Dallas, TX 75246 (corner of Gaston Ave. and Hall Street). (21.01 miles)

3. Housing

Reservations should be made directly with hotels/motels. Some hotels/motels are listed below. Candidates can inquire about shuttle services from their hotel to the dental school.

- **Sheraton Dallas** 400 N. Olive 214-922-8000 – located 5 minutes from BCD (dental school)
- **Baylor Medical Center Plaza Hotel** 3600 Gaston Avenue 214-820-7000 – located in Baylor Hospital complex, adjacent to Baylor College of Dentistry, 75 moderately priced rooms with no swimming pool or lounge facilities
- **Best Western** 2023 Market Center Blvd., 214-741-9000
- **Rosewood Crescent Court** 400 Crescent Court 214-871-3200 – located 5 minutes from BCD
- **The Merriott/City Center** 214-979-9000 – 650 North Pearl St., located in downtown Dallas, 5 minutes from BCD
- **Westin Hotel – Galleria** 13340 Dallas North Parkway 972-934-9494 – located in far north Dallas at the Galleria shopping mall, 20 minutes from BCD
- **Double Tree** 2015 Market Center Boulevard 214-741-7481 – located 10 minutes from BCD off I-35 and Market Center Blvd.
- **La Quinta Inn** 8303 E I-30 214-324-3731 – located 10 minutes from BCD

Baylor College of Dentistry Facility and Services

1. Building and Access Hours

The building will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the Western Regional Board Examination, unless otherwise requested by the examiners.

2. Parking

There is public parking on Hall Street and on Gaston Avenue (both across the street from the dental school). Parking is \$6 per day. You must have the exact change and you must be certain to pay as soon as you park. The owners of the lots will put a boot on your vehicle and then charge you \$130 plus tax to remove the boot. So please be prepared to pay for parking.

3. Registration and Identification Badges

Numbered badges will be issued to candidates by WREB during candidate orientation and will serve as an I.D. throughout the examination. The badge must be worn at all times while in the building. Badges must be turned in at the completion of the examination as part of the check-out procedure with the Western Regional Examining Board.

4. ATM Machines

ATM machines are located at Baylor Hospital. There are none in the dental school.

5. Food Service

There are vending machines located in the basement of the dental school. Baylor Hospital has a full service cafeteria in the basement of the hospital that is open from 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Patient Screening and Radiographs

1. Baylor College of Dentistry **cannot** provide patients for candidates. Candidates should not ask the school for patients or patient records. All candidates may use the dental school to screen patients, including use of radiology facilities. It is recommended that candidates have radiographs taken before arriving at Baylor if possible; however, screenings can be performed in the school's Oral Diagnosis clinic on the first floor. Any radiographs obtained on a potential patient require the written authorization of a Baylor College of Dentistry faculty member assigned to the area. *There is a usage fee of \$30 per patient.* Baylor uses digital radiography acquired with storage phosphor plates (Soredex Optime) only. **All digital x-rays must be submitted to the college five days prior to the exam in order to be downloaded and, absolutely, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 3rd.** Radiology will be available during the same hours as screening but very limited (emergency) access will be available during the Board exam. Screening and radiology will be permitted between the hours of 10:00 a.m. until Noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. from Thursday, April 26th through Wednesday, May 2nd.

Candidates using the Radiology Clinic/all clinics are required to follow the infection control policy of Baylor College of Dentistry and to wear proper clinic attire. Use of cubicles for taking radiographs must be scheduled by a Radiology staff member and will be on a space available basis.

Again, please note that the school will accommodate digital radiography only.

Preparing for the Exam

1. Cubicles (Operatories)

Each candidate will be assigned a numbered cubicle in the clinic by the WREB which will correspond to the applicants numbered I.D. badge issued at orientation. Each cubicle is equipped with (1) dental chair (Adec), (1) delivery unit (Adec) and (1) operator's stool. Any equipment malfunctions should be reported to either the dispensary window or the maintenance department (extension 8250). Candidates will be allowed to move in to assigned cubicles at a time to be determined by the WREB. Please note: cabinets in cubicles are not available for storage.

Equipment, Instruments and Materials

Items supplied by the school are listed in the supplements at the end of this handbook. Any equipment or supplies on loan/rental to candidates must be returned prior to check-out.

a. Rental Fees

Candidates may rent Adec handpieces for \$150. There will be a deposit fee of \$1,500.00 which will be returned to the candidate at the end of the exam when all rentals are accounted for. Call 214-828-8371 for handpiece rental.

You may rent a cavitron and tip for a rental fee of \$50. You must call Pam at 214-828-8340 for a form to fill out. You will then be required to mail in a money order in the amount of \$50. You must do this prior to April 18.

Handpieces

All A-Dec dental chairs are equipped to use with RQ-24 couplers (six hole) for W&H high speed handpieces and RQ-04 Roto-Quick couplers (4 hole) for W&H slow speed handpieces.

Adaptors are available only with rental of handpiece. Handpieces are available for rental to candidates (see a. above). Please be sure you have and/or rent the required handpieces (W&H is the only type that will fit).

b. Ultrasonic Scalers

All dental units have quick-connect water sources. The names of some scaler units adaptable to the school's quick connector are:

Dentsply SPS and/or most Dentsply cavitrons

2. Sterilization

Instruments that belong to you should be properly cleaned, dried, bagged and marked with appropriate candidate I.D. # and then turned in at the clinical dispensary for steam sterilization. Sterilization time is a minimum of 3 hours.

Instruments that are rented from the school should be properly cleaned of cement/debris and turned in at the clinical dispensary. No turnaround time.

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.

During the Board

1. Infection Control

a. Surface Asepsis

- Handles of the unit light, x-ray heads, light cure units and air-water syringes must be covered with clear plastic bags (provided).
- The dental unit and counter tops should be disinfected with Cavicide.
- The patient chair should be covered with plastic bags (provided). **Do not use Cavicide on the patient chair.**
- Disposable plastic over-gloves are available at each unit.

b. Personal Protective Equipment

- Appropriate clothing is required (Scrubs, no open toed shoes)
- Disposable gowns, gloves, masks are provided and located in the clinic.
- Candidates are to provide their own OSHA-acceptable protective glasses. The school will provide protective glasses for patients on a "loan" basis.
- Antiseptic soap is available at sinks in 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 clinic (gloves are now considered biohazard and must be placed in the red biohazard bags).

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 biohazard waste containers (red) which are located throughout the clinic.

d. Sharps Disposal

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

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 “coded” emergency exists.
- c. The assistant will be sent to the dispensary for emergency kit and a request that the dispensary place an immediate call for emergency personnel.
 1. If a “coded” emergency has been declared, dispensary personnel will immediately place calls to 911.
 2. If medical assistance only is needed, the dispensary personnel will immediately notify the Oral Surgery resident on call.
- d. In all possible emergencies:
 - Place the patient in a supine position, if unconscious
 - Assess consciousness and responsiveness
 - Check airway, assist respiration if indicated
 - Check pulse; be prepared to perform CPR if indicated.
- e. The examiner assumes responsibility for resuscitative procedure and the administration of emergency drugs until relieved by other personnel.

EXAM ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Schedule* and Locations

Room

May 4 through May 7, 2012

Candidate Orientation

134

School Tour

meet in room 136

Clinic Exam Area (1st floor – Periodontics clinic) (left-handed cubicles to be designated by WREB)

Grading Area (Periodontics Graduate clinic)

*See official WREB documents for times

DENTAL SUPPLIES

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

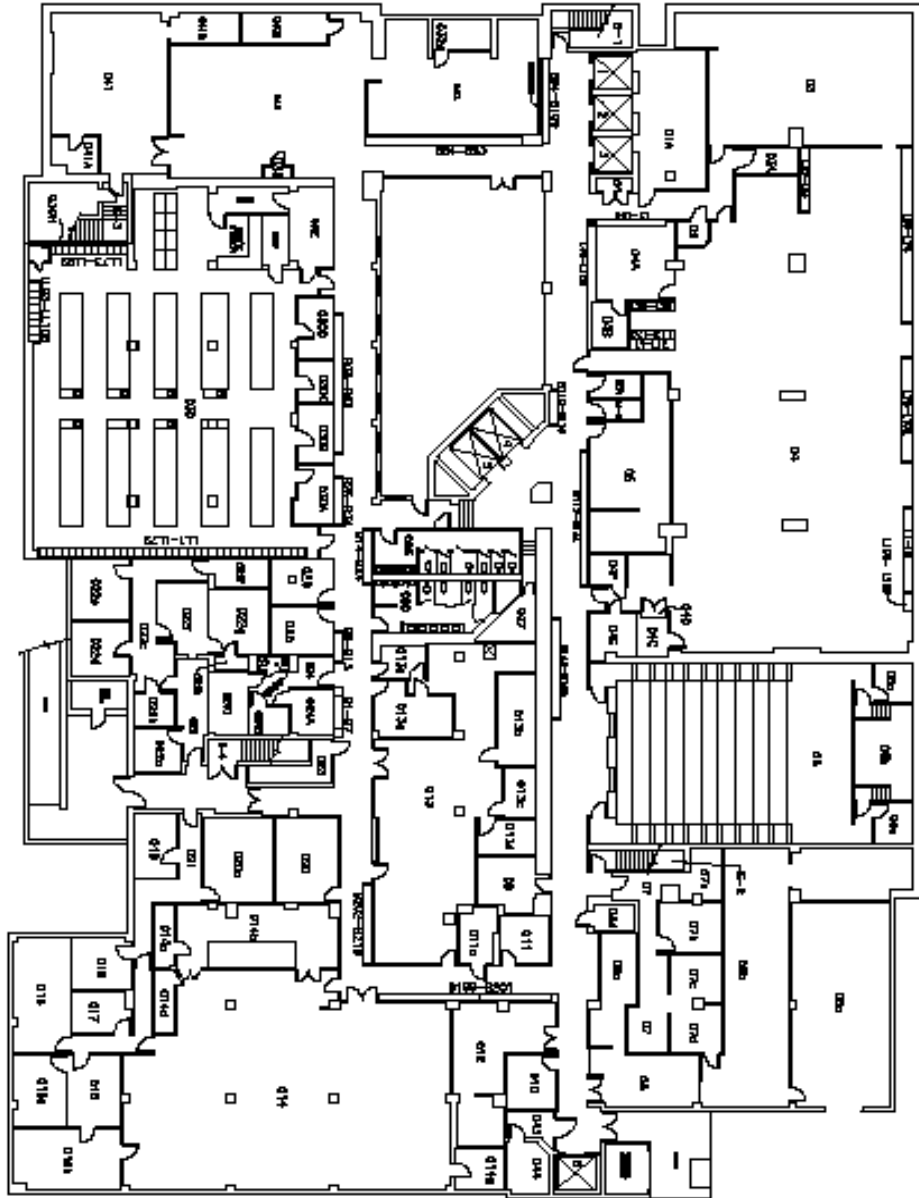
- Air/Water syringe tip, disposable
- Anesthesia, local and topical
- Autoclave tape
- Biohazard bags
- Sterilization bags
- Trash bags
- Cotton gauze – 2x2
- Cotton pellets
- Cotton rolls
- Cotton swabs
- Cups, drinking
- Disinfectant
- evacuator tips
- Face masks

- Floss
- Gloves
- Headrest/chair covers
- Mouthwash
- Napkins, patient
- Needles, short and long
- Paper towels
- Plastic sleeves for unit covers
- Prophylaxis paste
- Saliva ejectors
- Soap, hand
- Trays, disposable
- Tray covers

Administering of Anesthesia:

Licensed faculty will be available to administer anesthesia to your patients. Since there may be a shortage of anesthesia syringes, please bring your own. The college will supply the anesthesia.

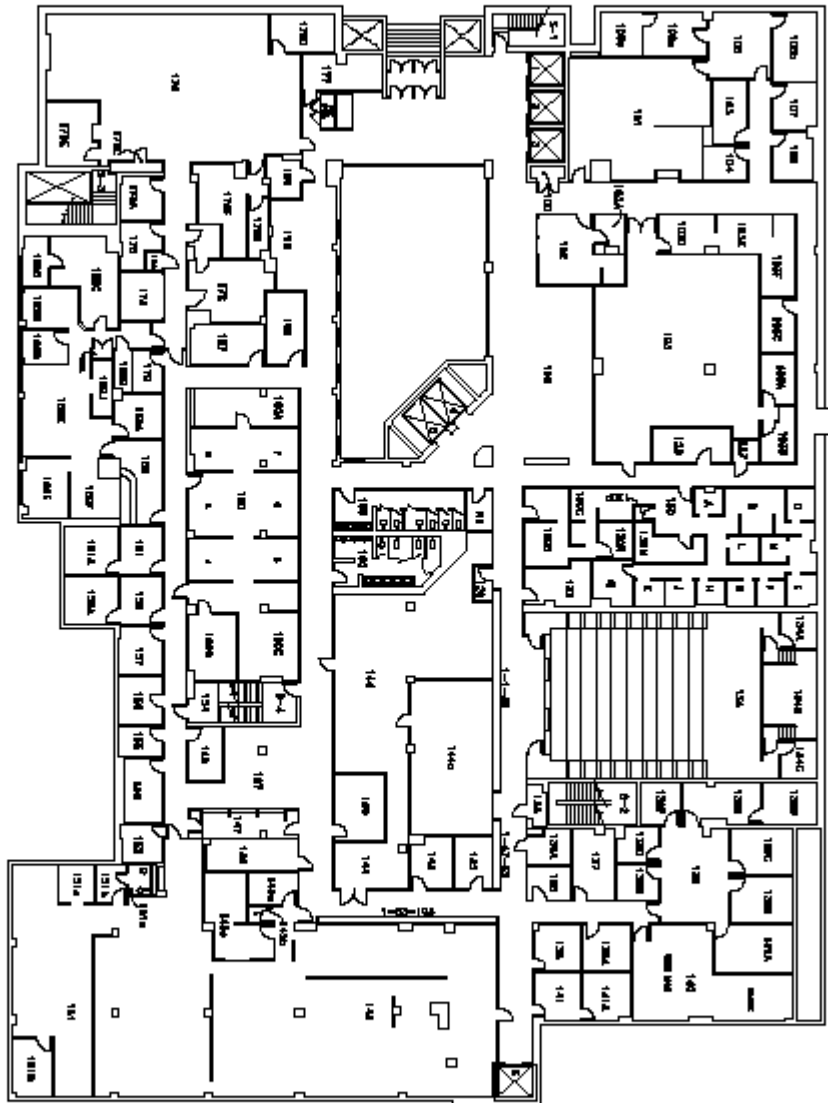
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