

*The
University of
Oklahoma*

College of Dentistry

**Dental Hygiene Candidate
Information Sheet**

WESTERN REGIONAL EXAMINING BOARD

The College of Dentistry is making its facilities available to the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) as a testing site only. This handout is intended to address questions you may have regarding the facility and its role in the examination.

If you need any additional information or clarification regarding this information, please contact Mary Gowin in the Office of the Director of Clinics at (405) 271-3083 or by e-mail at mary-gowin@ouhsc.edu

Please do not call the school prior to reading the entire Candidate Guide. The school will only answer questions related to the exam site and/or equipment rentals, supplies, etc. Questions regarding the examination itself (content, patient requirements, paperwork/forms, etc.) should be directed to the WREB office or website.

Patient Procurement

You must provide your own patients. The college will **not** furnish any patients or make any of its clinic records available either for screening or for use during the examination. Furthermore, the college has no external sources from which potential patients can be drawn. You are strongly advised to bring your own patients with you. If you cannot, you will need to explore other alternatives (private practitioners in the area, personal contacts, community shelters, etc.) on your own. **In addition, neither the College of Dentistry nor the Faculty or Staff of the College of Dentistry will assume responsibility for follow-up patient care.**

Administration of Anesthesia

The school will, for a fee of \$50.00, provide personnel to administer local anesthesia during the course of the examination. If you have not fulfilled the requirements necessary to administer your own anesthesia, you must either make application to take the WREB anesthesia examination or **make arrangements** with a licensed dentist or dental hygienist to administer it for you. To make arrangements for anesthesia, call Mary Gowin in the office of the Director of Clinics at (405) 271-3083 or email Mary at mary-gowin@ouhsc.edu. All fees must be paid in **cash only**.

Equipment Rental

Sonic and Ultrasonic Scalers **WILL** be available for rental on a **limited basis**. You must reserve this equipment in advance to guarantee availability. Call Mary Gowin at (405) 271-3083 no later than Friday, April 20th for reservations. The rental fee of \$50.00 **cash** will be accessed following your candidate orientation and you will receive a receipt and an authorization slip for your rental.

Equipment & Supplies

The following clinic supplies will be furnished during the examination. If an item is not on this list, bring it with you.

Anesthetic cartridges & topical	Headrest covers
Air/Water Syringe Tips (Seal Tight brand Disposable, no metal tips allowed)	Lubricant (Vaseline)
Bags (trash, biohazard, sterilization)	Mouthwash
Cotton rolls and pellets	Over Gloves
Cotton-tipped applicators	Patient Napkins
Cups, Plastic Medicine	Prophy Paste
Disinfectant solution – Pro Spray C-60	Pumice
Evacuation & saliva ejector tips	Styrofoam tray (instruments)
Finger Cots	Tongue Blades
Floss, waxed and unwaxed	Needles
Gauze sponges (2x2 and 4x4)	
Gloves (latex, vinyl, nitrile)	

You must furnish your own equipment (hand instruments, hand pieces, anesthetic syringes, ultrasonic scaler, etc.) The College of Dentistry will assume no responsibility for any omissions in your armamentarium

Clinic Operatory Equipment

Each clinic operatory is equipped with an Adec unit, for operator and assistant. The operator side of the unit has:

1. Six-hole style handpiece (2 large & 4 small holes) connector on gray tubing. This tubing has coolant water, an electric supply for fiber optic and is used with the **high-speed** handpiece or a sonic scaler (refer to diagram).
2. Four-hole style hand-piece (2 large & 2 small holes) connector on gray tubing. This tubing has no water and is used with the **slow-speed** handpiece only.
3. Tri-function air/water syringe

There is a viewbox for radiographs mounted above the counter at each operatory.

The assistant side of unit has:

1. Tri-function air/water syringe.
2. Two high-volume evacuation hoses.
3. A saliva ejector hose.
4. 1/4" quick-connect water source for ultrasonic scalers located on the base of the chair (refer to diagram).
5. Two electrical outlets located near the base of the chair.

The ultrasonic scaler connection is on the side of the unit and pictures of the connection can be seen in Appendix A. Additional ultrasonic scalers are not always available so it is important that you make sure that your equipment will work with the units at this location prior to arriving for the exam.

Equipment Malfunctions

If a candidate experiences any equipment or unit malfunction during the exam, it must be reported to clinic dispensary personnel. An on-site technician will be sent immediately to that area to make the necessary repairs

Infection Control

Standard Precautions

The College of Dentistry requires the use of standard precautions, which includes gloves, facemasks, protective eyewear, and barrier clothing, i.e. cloth over-gowns during all direct patient contact. Gloves and facemasks and cloth over-gowns will be made available however the candidate must provide their own OSHA-acceptable eyewear. Patient protective eyewear will be provided. Red cloth laundry bags may be found in clinic labs areas, please remove cloth over-gowns and place them in these bags prior to leaving the clinic area.

Surface Asepsis

Use a modified spray-wipe-spray technique for surface disinfection of the clinic operatory carts/stools, light handles, counter tops, etc. Use headrest and chair covers, as well as barrier film sheets on light switch, light handles, arms of patient chair, view box switch and unit touchpad. Barrier bags will be provided for air/water and suction hoses. Patient, operator and assistant chairs are to be cleaned with Silky Soap as needed. If blood is visible on the chair disinfectant may be used. The following materials and supplies will be available in the clinics for appropriate infection control procedures:

- Pro-Spray C-60 surface disinfectant (at each operatory)**
- Headrest and chair covers for the dental chair**
- Barrier film sheets to cover unit light handles, armrests, view box switch and unit touchpad**
- Barrier bags for air/water syringe handles**
- Cloth over-gowns**
- Disposable plastic overgloves**
- Red plastic bags for disposal of contaminated items**
- Sharps containers for disposal of needles and anesthetic carpules**
- Silky Soap for cleaning vinyl chair upholstered areas**
- Amalgam Scrap containers**
- Seal Tight Disposable Air/Water syringe tips**

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Place contaminated items (gloves, used gauze, cotton rolls and such disposables as saliva ejectors and evacuation tips) in the white bag attached to the operator cart. At the end of treatment, deposit the bag in the appropriate trash receptacle located in each clinic.

Sharps Disposal

Place all needles, scalpel blades, and other sharps in the red plastic sharps containers located at each dental unit.

Central Sterilization

Central Sterilization Clinic hours of operation during the exam will be 7:00 am to 5:30pm. The main sterilization facility (Central Sterilization) is located on the second floor room 264. Sterilization bags will be available at each clinic dispensary and at the Central Sterilization drop-off window. Candidates must clean/bag their instruments and appropriately identify them to ensure their return. **Central Sterilization will not accept any items that have not been appropriately prepared and must include the candidate number for identification.** Candidates must therefore show candidate ID in order to pick up sterilized equipment.

Emergency Protocol

For the management of medical emergencies at the College of Dentistry, each clinic is furnished with a medical crash cart stationed on the clinic floor. Positive pressure oxygen and various medical supplies are available in each clinic. Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are located in the North hallway on the second, third, and fourth floors. If the candidate is experiencing any type of medical emergency, notify the clinic dispensary staff immediately. Emergency phone numbers are listed near each clinic phone. More detailed instructions on managing medical emergencies will be provided during the school tour

Directions to the College

The address for the College of Dentistry is 1201 N. Stonewall Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73117. The College of Dentistry is located on the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Campus just east of downtown Oklahoma City

Facilities Tour

A tour of the school is planned immediately following your orientation. Please remain in the orientation room for a brief presentation by the site coordinator prior to the actual tour. Room 232 will be open after the tour for payment of \$50.00 anesthesia delivery fee and for equipment rental.

Parking

Ample parking for candidates and their patients is located directly east, across the street from the school in the Stonewall Parking Garage. The candidate will be assessed a fee without a validated parking ticket on Friday and Monday during the exam. Validation may be obtained at the Information Desk on the first floor. No validation is required for parking on Saturday and Sunday. Handicapped parking in front of the school is available but limited. Additional handicap spaces are available on the first floor of the Stonewall Garage. If candidates have questions regarding parking contact the information desk at (405) 271-6326.

Food/Lunch Facilities

The Student Commons on the first floor has food vending machines and a microwave oven available. Many of the hospitals on the Health Sciences Center campus are within walking distance of the College of Dentistry and have cafeterias and takeout facilities.

There are also a number of restaurants on Lincoln Boulevard just north of the State Capitol (about 1-2 miles north of the school). **Bricktown** is also 1-2 miles southwest of the school and has many wonderful restaurants and lots of atmosphere!

Information desk staff will be happy to provide you with additional information about local restaurants and other facilities.

There is an ATM machine available in the Student Union: which is located on N. Stonewall Ave. less than a block from the College of Dentistry.

HOTELS

Some of the hotel relatively close (within 5-15 miles) to the school are listed below. Ask about weekly rates and kitchenettes. Consult the local telephone directory for additional accommodations:

Please contact your hotel choices directly for information about room rates, facilities, proximity to the Health Sciences Center, transportation, etc. Do not call the school for this information.

Holiday Inn Express (Airport Area)

4400 Highline Blvd
OKC, OK 73108
(405) 948-3366
www.ichotelsgroup.com

Ramada (Airport Area)

2200 S. Meridian Ave.
OKC, OK 73108
(405) 681-9000
www.ramada.com

Residence Inn by Marriot (Airport Area)

4361 W. Reno Ave
OKC, OK 73107
(405) 942-4500
www.marriot.com

Renaissance OKC Hotel (Downtown/Bricktown Area)

10 N Broadway Ave
OKC, OK 73102
(405) 235-2780
www.marriot.com

Sheraton OKC Hotel (Downtown/Bricktown Area)

1 N Broadway Ave
OKC, OK 73102

Courtyard by Marriot (Downtown/Bricktown Area)

2 W Reno Ave
OKC, OK 73102
(405) 232-2290
www.marriot.com/okcdt