

Facility Information
Commission on Dental Competency Assessments
Information for Examination Candidates
Howard University College of Dentistry 2020

ATTENTION CDCA CANDIDATE:

It is important that you understand your responsibilities as a CDCA candidate at this site. Review the following material thoroughly. Cubicle assignments for CDCA dentistry candidates will be posted the evening before the day of the examination on the third floor outside of room 326 of the dental building. The dental exam orientation is scheduled to take place at 5:00 P.M. the day prior to the exam. The location of the Orientation will also be posted outside of room 326 the afternoon of the orientation.

FACILITY FEE:

All non -Howard University College of Dentistry dental student candidates participating in the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments CIF and Traditional Examination at this site are assessed a \$300.00 facility fee. This fee is to be paid in Cash. An ATM is available in the lobby of the Howard University Hospital or the Barnes and Noble Howard University Bookstore across the street on Georgia Avenue. In addition to the facility fee, a check for \$250.00 is required as a refundable security fee. All fees must be paid in room 326 in the College of Dentistry prior to beginning the Examination.

CLINIC EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENTS and MATERIALS:

All dental chairs are equipped with an A-dec air/water syringe, a saliva ejector and HVE. Disposable air water syringe tips are stocked into the cubicle. The dental unit contains one fiber optic line for high-speed, and one single line non-fiber optic for low-speed. Damage or loss of University property will result in appropriate deduction of the cost of the item(s) from the candidate's security deposit. If the amount owed exceeds the amount of the security deposit the candidate will be responsible for paying the difference.

Candidates should furnish their own hand pieces, burs, cavitrons, curing lights, patient and clinician protective eye wear, and blood pressure cuffs. Cassettes and instruments are supplied; however, candidates may use their own. Candidates are encouraged to bring their own equipment only because it is what they are used to using. All instruments, and equipment procured from the dispensing desk must be returned immediately at the conclusion of the examination.

Consumable products necessary for the exam to include all barriers, gloves, masks, saliva ejectors, prophylaxis materials, and restorative materials are available at the third-floor distribution window. All disposable supplies for the manikin portion of the CDCA exam are also provided in a designated area of the clinic.

INFECTION CONTROL:

Instrument sterilization services are available at the Central Sterilization Unit on the third floor. Submit your instruments to the "contaminated instrument" delivery window at the dispensing window. It will take approximately 1 1/2 hours to sterilize your instruments.

All candidates are responsible for disinfection of the dental cubicles and equipment before and after patient treatment. Candidates are supplied with disinfectant wipes to clean the large surface areas of the cubicle such as the counter-top, dental chair and operator stool. Disinfectant wipes are also used to clean the surfaces of the cubicle not conducive to spray such as the light handles, switches, hose lines, drawer pulls, etc. Barriers to include blue wrap, papers for the countertop, head rest covers, lap tops, patient napkins with disposable napkin chains and large plastic sleeves for the bracket tray, and plastic sleeves for the saliva ejector and air/water syringe are located in each clinic.

Note to Candidates using a Dental Assistant

The District of Columbia requires all Dental Assistants to possess a license to practice in Washington D.C. Have your assistant present the License and picture I.D. to the staff in room 326. There will be no exceptions.

PATIENTS & PARKING:

Dentistry candidates are responsible to provide their own patients for the CDCA exam. On street metered parking is available. There are also two (2) parking lots adjacent to the College of Dentistry. One (1) is a public lot available at the hospital directly behind the College on Georgia Avenue and the other is a Howard University lot, which costs \$10/ day, that is directly across from the Barnes and Noble Howard University Bookstore on Georgia Avenue. It is entered on 9th street on the backside of the lot.

Candidates may arrange, by appointment, to visit the College before the exam by emailing Dr. Sonnier. Radiographic facilities can be made available to candidates upon request. Appropriate fees are charged for radiographs. The College of Dentistry will admit candidates at 6:15 A.M. through the "W" Street entrance.

LOCAL ACCOMODATIONS:

Due to scheduled University and local events, we suggest you call in advance to make reservations if you plan on staying in Washington D.C. overnight prior to the examination.

Local Accommodations:

Courtyard by Marriot U.S. Capitol
1325 2nd Street N.E.
Washington D.C 20002
(202) 898-4000
The distance is 2 miles to the College

Courtyard by Marriot Downtown
8506 Fenton St,
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 589-4899
The distance is 5 miles to the College

Holiday Inn Express
7990 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring MD, 20910
(301) 565-3444

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