

Wytheville Community College
CDCA Dental Hygiene Candidate Handbook

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The faculty and staff of the WYTHEVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE realize clinical boards are inherently stressful, especially when applicants are working in an unfamiliar clinic. It is our sincere hope that this handbook, which has been prepared to help assist dental hygiene candidates for the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) administered ADEX dental hygiene exam, will help make your time with us as smooth as possible. **If you have additional questions after reading this handbook, please contact us at (276) 223-4840**, or visit our website (www.wcc.vccs.edu) for more information.

Wytheville Community College is located in Wytheville, VA.

Facility Fee: \$125 paid to Wytheville Community College by cashier check or money order

1. Airline and Airport Information: Both airports are within 80 miles of WCC

- Roanoke Regional Airport, Roanoke, VA www.flyroa.com
- Tri-Cities Airport, Blountville, TN <https://triflight.com>

2. Driving Instructions

GPS using 1000 E. Main Street, Wytheville, VA 24382

3. Hotel/Motel Accommodations

Reservations should be made directly with hotels/motels accommodations located close to the school are listed below. Candidates should call for rates.

- Fairfield Inn & Suites Wytheville www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/blffi-fairfield-inn-and-suites-wytheville/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2
- Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Wytheville, VA www.countryinns.com/wytheville-hotel-va-24382/vawythev?s_cid=os.amer-us-cis-VAWYTHEV-gmb
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Wytheville www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/wytheville/mkijwv/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--US--MKJWV

4. Gas/Food and ATM's

Local restaurant chains

5. Wytheville Community College Galax Hall Parking Lot

6. Wytheville Community College Campus Security

(276) 223-4713

Wytheville Community College Facility and Services

1. Building and Access Hours:

The WCC Galax Hall building will open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on examination days during The Commission of Dental Assessments (CDCA), unless otherwise requested by the CDCA. Please note that **the day before the examinations begin**, the building and campus **will be closed to everyone** (including tours) for cleaning and pre-examination set-up.

2. Food and Beverage Services:

WCC has vending machines at your convenience. Candidates should inform their patients to eat before coming to the exam or candidates may choose to bring a small amount of food and beverage for their patients that the on-site **school coordinator can refrigerate and then retrieve for them** when it is needed. There are many gas stations, restaurants and fast food establishments located within one (1) mile of the campus if you wish to purchase food. However, **food or drink are not allowed in any areas** near the candidate clinics or check in desk during the examination.

3. Registration and Identification Badges

Numbered badges issued to candidates (by CDCA usually at orientation) will serve as your 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(s) as a part of the checkout procedure with CDCA.

Securing Patients, Patient Screening and Radiographs

Clinical Patient Screening

Please note that WCC does not provide patients for candidates and **does not have** the responsibility for providing examination patients or back-up patients for **any** candidate for any reason. The CDCA candidate is solely responsible for scheduling, securing and screening qualified patients for any/all CDCA exam(s) and should not make requests of anyone associated with the college (WCC faculty, administration, or staff) for possible back-up patients, patient information, patient consultation, advice, or patient records relating to any patient being considered for a CDCA examination. All questions regarding candidate qualifications should be directed to the appropriate CDCA officials. Candidate qualifications are provided in your candidate guide delivered to you directly by CDCA. Unfortunately, not all candidates are students of WCC and some candidates will not be able to request the use of the clinical facilities at WCC for screenings of potential patients or use the radiographic facilities to take needed x-rays on non-examination days. If you are a WCC student the availability, hours, and days of operation of the WCC clinic is determined by the clinical staff at WCC and is not guaranteed to fit your scheduling preferences. The time and days that the clinic will be available for screening patients will be **by appointment only and is on a first come first serve basis for WYTHEVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE students only and must not interfere with regularly scheduled school clinical days**. Screening times for candidates of WCC students and their patients may ONLY be scheduled **before the CDCA**

examination begins and will fall under the stipulations outlined above (please call WCC for additional details). To schedule a screening appointment, you may contact the WCC front office receptionist by calling (276) 223-4840. Please note that **the day before the examinations begin the building and campus will be closed to everyone** (including screenings for WCC students and tours) for cleaning and pre-examination set-up, and that after the exams begin (and during the exam) all candidates and school personnel will NOT be allowed to access or pass through restricted CDCA designated areas. All candidates (even if they are not WCC students) and their patients take full responsibility for the use of any equipment, machinery, or items used while on campus and must sign disclosure forms (and arbitration agreements) absolving, WCC and their assigned agents from any liability, damages, responsibility, etc. associated with requests and actions engaged in while screening or providing any exam or related dental services to their patients while on the WCC campus. WCC student candidates must also arrange to have or bring a licensed dentist with them according to State Law to oversee and supervise all screening/evaluating activities regardless of when that screening takes place.

X-Rays/Radiographs

No digital radiographic services will be available for CDCA candidates during the examination.

Preparing for the Clinical Phase of the Examination

Candidates will be using the WCC. Each candidate will be assigned a numbered operatory that corresponds to his or her numbered I.D. badge issued at orientation. Each operatory is equipped with one dental chair, one delivery unit equipped with air/water syringe, and one operator's stool. All equipment malfunctions that take place during the examination should be immediately reported to the WCC Site Coordinator.

Emergency Equipment and Preparedness for Medical Emergency

All candidates should familiarize themselves with the location of the oxygen/emergency cart (medical emergency kit) and the first aid kit. During the examination, the emergency cart/first aid kit and the AED are located on the main floor in the West Clinic (See CDCA Floor Plan). **In the event of an emergency, the procedure is:**

- STAY WITH YOUR PATIENT; verbally notify the CDCA Floor Assistant, School Coordinator or Chief Examiner of the emergency.
- Make sure someone calls the local 9-1-1 (notify EMS).
- Administer oxygen (O₂) from the green oxygen cylinder located next to the medical emergency kit.
- Administer Basic Life Support (BLS) until EMS arrive.

During the Board

1. Sonic/Ultrasonic Devices.

All operatories are equipped to operate the ultrasonic devices listed/pictured below. The air pressure to each operatory chair and all the handpieces are factory set at approximately 35 to 50 psi. Please ensure that your devices will operate effectively within these parameters.

If you prefer to bring your own ultrasonic scaling unit please familiarize yourself with the dental chairs and hook-up/connection features outlined in this section of the guide. Please note the single water hook-up/connection picture below for all ultrasonic scaling units. The water hook-up is a standard ADEC hook up (please see the picture below of the 8.0 Water Tubing with ¼ male non-shut off quick release attachment or visit www.autoscaler.com for manufacturers unit specifications and limitations). All water is supplied from a pressurized bottle on the unit.



- WCC does not provide ultrasonic scalers for students.

2. Infection Control/Asepsis Requirements

a. Surface Asepsis

- i. Handles of the unit light, radiographic tube heads, and chair head and chair controls must be covered with either clear plastic barrier wrap or aluminum foil.
- ii. The patient chair, dental unit, counter tops, and operator stool should be disinfected with disinfectant wipes.
- iii. Disinfectant wipes, plastic/barrier headrest covers and plastic/barrier wrap are provided by WCC for all candidates free of charge.
- iv. Candidates must furnish their own sturdy utility gloves (nitrile preferred) to be worn when handling or packaging dirty instruments through (or to and from) the candidate clinic area.
- v. Universal infection control guidelines and Personal Protective Equipment (P.P.E.) and guidelines should be observed during the CDCA exam at WCC. This includes standard OSHA standards and guidelines.

b. Personnel Protective Equipment

- i. masks will be available on the clinic floor free of charge during the examinations.
- ii. Candidates must provide their own disposable gowns, OSHA-acceptable protective glasses and should also provide protective glasses for their patients. Please note that WCC does not provide disposable side shields for glasses.

c. Hazardous Waste

- i. Any blood/saliva soaked waste is considered hazardous and should be disposed of in the available/provided (red) biohazard bags.
- ii. Sharps: All needles, anesthetic cartridges, and any potential sharps are to be placed in the red plastic sharps containers located throughout the WCC clinic.

d. Sterilization

- i. Instruments and handpieces can be processed and run through a steam sterilizer after your examinations free of charge for candidates requesting this service from WCC. WCC will not lube, wipe down, scrub, ultrasonic, or wash instruments either inside or outside of cassettes. All instruments should be wiped down and clean of visible debris before being brought to the WCC sterilization drop-off area. Submitted candidate instruments should be placed in a sealed sterilization bag within a closed stainless-steel instrument cassette or simply bagged by the candidate for sterilization. Stainless steel instrument cassettes submitted to WCC for sterilization should be able to fit comfortably within a 7 ½ W x 13 L disposable self-seal sterilization pouch. Hand sterilization bags provided to candidates by WCC are no larger than 7 ½ W x 13 L. Candidates may request extra-large autoclave bags (13 x 20) if needed. All submitted instruments/items for sterilization should be clearly marked with the candidates CDCA identification number only. To ensure all candidates anonymity all instruments used in the exam should not be marked with candidate names or initials or other identifying markings. Instruments submitted for sterilization will be processed/sterilized with a minimum required turnaround time of three hours. Items submitted after 3:00 p.m. will be available for pick-up the following business day by 8:00 a.m. (WCC is not open on Sunday). All items submitted to be sterilized **must be picked up from WCC within five days of the conclusion of the examination**. If the candidate chooses to use the sterilization services provided by WCC the candidate assumes all liability for lost or damaged items submitted.
- ii. The time that instruments can be retrieved depends on the length of time necessary for processing and sterilization, as well as the number of other candidate's instruments. The shortest amount of time in which instruments can be processed is **approximately three hours**. The

sterilization assistant will provide you an estimated time after which you may pick up the sterilized instruments. Please do not submit any materials or instruments that may be damaged during the sterilization process.

*WCC ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR CANDIDATES WHO BRING DENTAL/DENTAL HYGIENE INSTRUMENTS, ULTRASONIC SCALERS, OR OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS/ITEMS ONTO CAMPUS. THIS POLICY ALSO INCLUDES ITEMS THAT MAY BE LOST, BROKEN, STOLEN, OR DAMAGED, (OR THAT ARE NOT RETRIEVED **WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE EXAMINATION**). PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE YOUR ITEMS PICKED UP.*

3. Disposable Items:

All of the following items are expendable materials and are provided free of charge by WCC to all candidates.

- Surface disinfection wipes
- Barrier materials & tape
- Bracket tray covers
- Red biohazard bags
- Headrest covers
- Barrier tape (roll)
- Tray covers/Barriers
- Styrofoam instrument trays
- cotton rolls
- HVE Tips
- Disposable bib clips
- Non-latex gloves (S-XL)
- Air water syringe tips (plastic)
- Facial tissue
- Patient napkins
- Standard saliva ejectors
- Face masks
- Cotton rolls
- Soap (liquid)
- 2 x 2 gauze squares
- Paper towels
- Prophylactic paste
- Sanitizing materials
- Oral pre-rinse & cups
- Disposable needle stick protectors
- Cotton swab (tip applicators)
- Antimicrobial mouthwash
- Autoclave bags (S-L)
- Drinking cups (small)
- Topical anesthetic(s)
- Local Anesthetics*
- 30 gauge short needles
- 27 gauge long needles

*See Section 6 below.

Disposable Air/Water Syringe Tips and Bite Blocks

WCC provides and uses disposable air/water syringe tips for the examination. Candidates should plan ahead and bring bite blocks to make their patients more comfortable during the exam. If you prefer metal air/water syringe tips you should plan accordingly and bring them to the exam with you as WCC does not provide them.

4. Translation Services

Translation services for candidates and patients are not provided by WCC. Candidates wishing to bring a translator (for languages other than English) must provide all accommodations required. All translators must check in with the CDCA site coordinator and school coordinator upon arrival and will only be allowed into the clinical area when their services are required. Candidate translators must abide by all applicable candidate rules (no cell phones, notes, or PDA's) and safety requirements as well as all reasonable CDCA site coordinator and/or WCC site coordinator requests to ensure that all other candidates have a fair, secure, quiet, safe, effective, and successful examination.

5. Local Anesthetic Information

Local anesthetic cartridges/carpules and 20% benzocaine topical anesthetic gel is provided free of charge to all candidates. The brands of local anesthetic used/provided for free by WCC are generic brands that are 1.7 to 1.8 ml standard cartridges with the following concentrations: **Lidocaine HCl 2% and epinephrine 1:100,000**, and **Carbocaine® (3% without vasoconstrictor)**, **Articaine HCl 4% and epinephrine 1:100,000**. Disposable needlestick protection shields are provided by WCC free of charge. If you are taking the anesthesia examination WCC does not provide locking hemostats, locking pliers, or anesthetic syringes for your examination so please plan accordingly. If you prefer to use a specific type of local anesthetic or topical anesthetic for your exam you are encouraged to bring it.

6. Other Limitations

No instrument sharpening services for dental hygiene instruments are available at WCC before, during, or after the examination(s). If a candidate experiences a broken tip on one or more of their instruments during the examination WCC does **NOT** have replacement instruments to loan/sell to candidates, so please come prepared accordingly. **WCC is a latex-free facility.** As a reminder candidates and patients should not bring cell phones, notes, or PDA's to the examination. Items left behind after a candidate's exam is completed may not be returned. WCC will make every effort to remind candidates not to leave instruments and other items behind when they leave as WCC will not mail ANY items left behind. If candidates request any help from the WCC School Coordinator or staff we will be happy to help, however the candidate assumes all responsibility for any help or attempted assistance given. Inadvertent damage or perceived damage to any personal items, instruments, ultrasonics, or other items that the candidate is seeking help with is the sole responsibility of the candidate. WCC does not rent ultrasonics or ultrasonic tips.

EXAM ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

(NOTE: See official CDCA documents for days, dates, and times)

We hope that this guide has been helpful and that your examination experience at WCC will be a pleasant one. If there are any errors (incorrect phone numbers, addresses, etc.) in this guide please contact us WCC and we will attempt to update this guide as soon as possible. Good luck on your examination! Elaine G. Smith: esmith@wcc.vccs.edu