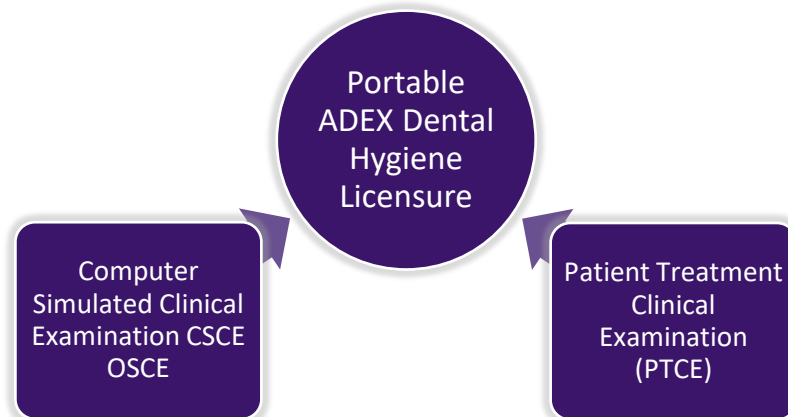




ADEX Computer Simulated Clinical Examination OSCE for Dental Hygiene

A. CSCE OSCE Overview

The multiple-choice, computer-based CSCE OSCE is administered at a Computer Testing Center upon authorization by the CDCA. Candidates register for the CSCE OSCE through their online CDCA candidate profiles, and they may attempt the CSCE OSCE either before or after the PTCE. The test is administered on one day and is approximately 2.5 hours in length, including an introduction, tutorial, and final survey. The actual examination time is 1 hour and 55 minutes. As with both sections of the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination, the 18-month rule, and the 3-time failure rule apply to the CSCE OSCE.



B. CSCE OSCE Content

The CSCE OSCE content is developed by a Dental Hygiene Examination Committee, which has considerable content expertise and also relies on practice surveys and occupational analyses, current curricula, standards of competency and guidance for clinical licensure examinations in dentistry and dental hygiene from the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) to ensure that the content and protocol of the examination are current and relevant. The examination content and evaluation methodologies are reviewed annually and periodically change to reflect current best practices. Because of the broad-based approach to test development, no single textbook or publication can be used as a reference.

The examination is based on concepts taught and accepted by educational institutions accredited by the American Dental Association or Canadian Commission on Dental Accreditation. Any current textbook relevant to the subject matter of the examination utilized in such institutions is suitable as a study reference. Candidates may skip or mark items to be considered later. Once the examination is completed, however, the candidate will not be able to return to those questions. The time indicated on the computer screen is the amount of time for that subsection. There is no specific time limitation for each item. The chart below details the content of the CSCE OSCE and the weight of each area of study.

CSCE OSCE CONTENT	
Medical/Dental Assessment	12%
Intra and Extra Oral Assessment and Charting	27%
Intra and Extra Oral Examination	
Dental and Periodontal Charting and Assessment	
Soft Tissue, Bone, and Tooth Abnormalities	
Radiology/Imaging	15%
Dental Hygiene Care Planning	13%
Patient Care	19%
Periodontal Procedures	
Infection Control	
Medical Emergency Management	
Dental Specialties and Pharmacology	14%
Dental Specialties	
Applied Pharmacology	

Simulations of patients are made through photographs, radiographs, images of study and working models, laboratory data and other clinical digitized reproductions. The items in the OSCE will include multiple choice (traditional/single response), multiple choice (multiple response), extended match, drop down, fill in the blank, hot spot, and drag & drop questions.

C. CSCE OSCE Scoring

There are roughly 100 scored items on the CSCE OSCE, and a varying number of pilot questions. A question may be worth one or more points. In some cases, partial credit may be awarded. Scores are not rounded up. The final score for the CSCE OSCE is based on the percentage of items answered correctly and scaled to equate scores from year to year. A scaled score of 75 percent or higher is required to pass.