

RESOLUTION R-2022-1
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
January 28, 2022

A RESOLUTION GIVING GUIDANCE FOR LIVE PATIENT EXAMS FOR DENTAL STUDENTS AND DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS DURING THE COVID-19 AND OMMICRON VARIANT NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PANDEMIC

This is a resolution by the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry.

This resolution is enacted pursuant to
59 O.S. § 328.15(B)(1)ⁱ, 59 O.S. § 328.15(B)(2)ⁱⁱ and 328.21(L)ⁱⁱⁱ

This resolution of the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry shall be to advise Dental Students and Dental Hygiene Students seeking licensure from the Board between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022 during the COVID-19 declared Federal Health Pandemic.

This resolution shall automatically expire on December 31, 2022.

**LIVE PATIENT OR MANIKIN EXAMS WILL BE
ACCEPTED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 FOR ALL
DENTIST AND HYGIENE LICENSURE APPLICANTS.**

1. The Oklahoma Board of Dentistry has the authority to determine education, training, licensing and oversight of all licensed and permitted individuals in the dental industry pursuant to 59 O.S. § 328 et. seq.;
2. Pursuant to 59 O.S. §328.15 B(1) and B(2), the State Board of Dentistry has the authority to examine and test the qualifications of applicants for a license or permit to be issued by the Board;
3. The United States of America has been and continues to be under a health threat emergency due to COVID-19 and recently, the Omicron Variant.
4. Section 328.21(D)(1) and (D)(2), requires that portions of the exam be treatment on live patients;
5. Due to the ongoing national health pandemic, the regional exams have advised that live-patient exams are not available in many areas and manikin exams are replacing these exams; and

6. Title 59 O.S. § 328.21(L) allows the Board to make accommodations in exam formats under these circumstances;
7. From the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, the Board will accept a manikin exam or a live patient exam for Dental and Hygiene licensure; Each candidate must complete all required components and requirements as required by Oklahoma statutes; **In addition to successfully completing all portions of the manikin exam, the candidate for a dental or hygiene license must provide:**
 - a. In addition to completing all portions of the manikin exam as required by statute, dental licensure applicants taking a manikin exam must meet the statutory requirements for the live patient portion of the exam by providing written documentation that the procedures in 59 O.S. 328.21(D)(1)(b) (the periodontal component) and (D)(1)(d.)(anterior class III and posterior class ii restorative component), were completed on a live patient during their class studies, clinic or residency at a CODA^{iv} approved school. This documentation shall include a signed statement from the student, the supervising dentist that approved the correctly completed procedures and the Dean of the Dental school;
 - b. In addition to completing all portions of the manikin exam as required by statute, hygiene licensure applicants taking a manikin exam must meet the statutory requirements for the live patient portion of the exam by providing written documentation that the procedures in 59 O.S. 328.21(D)(2) have been successfully completed on a live patient in a CODA approved school as well as the candidate's compliance with professional standards. This documentation shall include a signed statement from the student and the Director of the Dental Hygiene program;

(All other requirements of the exam for dentists and hygienists shall remain the same)

Motion to pass Resolution by:_____

Second by:_____

Motion passes_____. Motion Fails_____.

Michael Howl, D.D.S., Board President

Krista Jones, D.D.S., Board Secretary

Notary Public

Susan Rogers, Esq., Executive Director

ⁱ Section 328.15(B)(1) of the Authority and Powers of the Board allow the Board to “Examine and test the qualifications of applicants for a license or permit to be issued by the Board.”

ⁱⁱ Section 328.15 (B)(2) of the State Dental Act allows the Board to affiliate by contract or cooperative agreement with another state or combination of states for the purpose of conducting simultaneous regional examinations of applicants for a license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or a dental specialty;

ⁱⁱⁱ 59 O.S. § 328.21(L) states: “During a year in which governmental officials have declared a health pandemic, a state or federal disaster, or other natural or man-made disaster, the Board shall have the authority through a resolution to change or make allowances in requirements of all candidates for licensure and issue temporary licenses for extended periods of time or as needed until the event passes. The resolution shall have a beginning and an end date and shall automatically expire no less than thirty (30) days after the end of the disaster is declared by governmental officials.”

^{iv} CODA is the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

ATTENTION ALL LICENSING APPLICANTS FOR 2022

The Board passed the attached resolution at the January 28, 2022 meeting due to the ongoing Public Health Pandemic and lack of availability of live patient exams.

The Board will accept manikin or live patient exams given by CDCA-WREB including all components required by Oklahoma for Dental and Hygiene licensure candidates.

Exam components required for Dental Candidates:

- a. a fixed prosthetic component of the preparation of an anterior all porcelain crown and the preparation of a three-unit posterior bridge,
- b. a periodontal component on a live patient,
- c. an endodontic component,
- d. an anterior class III and posterior class II restorative component on a live patient,
- e. a diagnosis and treatment planning section as approved by the Board

In addition to the successful passage of the above components on the manikin exam, in order to meet the requirements for “live-patient” exam, dental candidates must provide documentation that the students has successfully completed, (*the periodontal component*) and (*the anterior class iii and posterior class ii restorative component*), on a live patient during clinic at a CODA approved dental school as certified by the Dean of the school, the instructor and the student.

Exam components required for Hygiene Candidates:

- a. clinical patient treatments with an evaluation of specific clinical skills, and
- b. evaluation of the candidate's compliance with professional standards during the treatment that shall include:
 - (1) extra/intra oral assessment,
 - (2) periodontal probing, and
 - (3) scaling/subgingival calculus removal and supragingival deposit removal.

In addition to the successful passage of the above components on the manikin exam, in order to meet the requirements for “live-patient” exam, hygiene candidates must provide documentation that the students has successfully completed all of the component requirements listed above on a live patient during clinic at a CODA approved dental school as certified by the Dean of the school, the instructor and the student.

Susan Rogers, Esq.
Executive Director
and General Counsel



J. Kevin Stitt
Governor

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(Resolution R-2022-1)**

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I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THESE PROCEDURES ON A LIVE PATIENT RECEIVING TREATMENT IN THE DENTAL SCHOOL CLINIC OR RESIDENCY PROGRAM. PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2022-1.

Dr. Jeff Lunday
Newcastle, Oklahoma

PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE OF DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT

Dr. Brant Rouse
Ft. Gibson,
Oklahoma

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THIS STUDENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THESE TWO PROCEDURES ON A LIVE PATIENT RECEIVING TREATMENT IN THE DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOOL CLINIC OR RESIDENCY PROGRAM. PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2022-1.

Chief Phil Cotten
(Retired)
Norman, Oklahoma

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SIGNATURE OF THE DEAN OF THE DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOOL

Stephen McCaleb, Esq.
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NOTARY SIGNATURE

DATE

STAMP

(Notary is for School Representatives)