

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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Information for Applicants for Dental Hygiene Examination

June 8-11, 1982

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

MEDICAL CENTER, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

1. The examinations for Dental Hygiene Licensure will be held June 8-11, 1982, at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry, University Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi.
2. The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners grants regular licenses to practice Dental Hygiene in the State of Mississippi on the basis of examination only. The Board does not engage in reciprocity agreements with other states.
3. Applicants are required to be at least 18 years of age, of good moral character, citizens of the United States of America, and at the time of the examination hold a degree from a recognized, accredited School of Dental Hygiene in the United States.
4. Grade card from the National Board of Dental Examiners is required. All candidates are required to PASS a written examination in jurisprudence based on "The Mississippi Laws Pertaining to the State Board of Dental Examiners." (Reprint enclosed) Candidates who fail the jurisprudence examination will not be allowed to continue the Board. A general written examination will also be required of all candidates.
5. The completed application and credentials must be received by this office at least thirty (30) days prior to the examination.
6. The examination fee will not be refunded after date of examination. Applicants who are unsuccessful on the examination may re-apply for the next examination and be considered as new applicants.
7. Each Dental Hygiene candidate will pay a CLINIC FEE in the amount of \$25.00. This fee is due with the application and should be made payable to the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry. This fee covers necessary materials, anesthetics, etc., needed for the examination including patient record forms and x-ray films. Propphy handpieces will not be furnished unless arrangements are made prior to the examination with Mr. Albert Pleasant at the School of Dentistry. Mr. Pleasant can be reached at 601-987-5980.
8. The completed application must contain the following:
  - A. TYPED application form filled out completely and properly signed.
  - B. High school and college transcripts.
  - C. Dental Hygiene School transcript.
  - D. Check or money order in the amount of \$100 made payable to the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners.
  - E. For applicants still in school but expected to graduate prior to the examination, a letter from the Dean of the Dental Hygiene School is required stating that applicant is expected to graduate.
  - F. Notarized signatures of two (2) reputable citizens of the state in which the applicant is a resident.
  - G. National Board Grade Card.
  - H. Check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 made payable to the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry covering clinic fee.

- I. Certified statement from the Secretary of the Board of Dental Examiners in each state in which applicant is currently licensed verifying license status and good standing. In states where applicant has previously been licensed, the Secretary of the Board must notify this office as to the reason for license expiration or revocation.

EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSURE

1. All applicants are expected to present themselves for all phases of the examination well-groomed and professionally attired with no identifying name plates or monograms that denote the name of the applicant or the school attended.
  2. Applicants must furnish their own patients and must be responsible for their appearance on schedule.
  3. Applicants will have patients seated in the assigned cubicle at the appropriate starting time for the clinical examination with the following materials available for inspection by the Examiner before requesting a starting check:
    - A. A brief, but comprehensive, medical and dental history on the patient to be treated during the examination, noting any condition that might be pertinent to the treatment planned during the Board examination. This history must be submitted on the form provided by the Board.
    - B. Diagnostic charts, instruments, and other materials and supplies that will be needed for the examination procedures.
    - C. Pre-operative B.W. x-rays taken within the past ten (10) days exhibiting demonstrable calculus.
    - D. Patients also must have clinically demonstrable calculus on anterior and posterior teeth.
  4. Applicants must receive a starting check from an examiner before any procedures are performed. The starting check shall consist of the following:
    - A. A brief discussion with the examiner concerning the patient's general health and dental condition, and a determination by the examiner if the patient selected is acceptable for the procedures to be demonstrated.
    - B. Classification of patient by the examiner and the assignment of procedures to be completed by the applicant.
    - C. Patient selection grade, patient classification, and procedure assignment recorded by examiner.
- NOTE: If it is determined that local anesthesia or other medications are indicated for the assigned procedure, they may be administered by an examiner at this time or after the full mouth x-rays have been made.
5. When the applicant has received a starting check and an assignment of procedures to be completed, he/she may proceed with the following, all of which will be examined and graded by an examiner. These procedures will not necessarily have to be done in the order in which they are listed because of the availability of facilities such as x-ray machines, etc.:
    - A. PREVENTION (Patient Education) - should be done first for effective staining.
    - B. FULL MOUTH X-RAYS - except pre-operative and post-operative B.W.'s may be done at any time. No re-takes will be allowed.

The x-ray equipment at the dental school is set for long cone exposure. The equipment may not be adjusted for another setting.

- C. CHARTING (including periodontal) - for best results should be done after x-rays and polishing.
- D. SCALING - may be done any time after prevention.
- E. POLISHING - May be done any time after scaling.
- F. INTERVIEW - may be done during waiting periods or while grading any of the above steps.

NOTE: Procedures B, C, D, E, and F, listed above, may be graded at one sitting at the discretion of the examiner. More than one examiner may grade any or all procedures.

- 6. GRADING - Grades will be recorded on the following: National Board grade; written exams; oral exams (if given); patient selection; prevention; x-rays; charting; scaling; polishing; interview; and patient management.
  - A. ZERO GRADES will be recorded for the following:
    - (1) Patient mismanagement or deceit;
    - (2) Presenting patient not meeting requirements;
    - (3) Undue or excessive trauma or lacerations of the soft tissues;
    - (4) Unprofessional behavior or attitude.
  - B. OTHER GRADES - A grade of 70 or above will be required to pass any particular part of the examination, and an average grade of 70 or above will be required to pass the Board for Licensure.
- 7. Each applicant will be expected to complete the assigned procedures during the allotted time which will be announced. However, the Board places more emphasis on accuracy, thoroughness, and concern for your patient than the speed at which you may "finish" with your patient.
- 8. The Board of Dental Examiners will make every effort to be fair and provide you an opportunity to demonstrate your ability as a dental hygienist, and we encourage you to read and follow the instructions carefully to avoid a misunderstanding that may deprive you of that opportunity.
- 9. All records must be left with an examiner upon completion of the examination. Records, x-rays, etc. become the property of the Board. Under no circumstances will they be released to candidates or patients.
- 10. Do not contact the Board office or Board members after the examination. Notification of pass/fail will be mailed as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT

CANDIDATES MUST BRING THEIR OWN INSTRUMENTS

School will furnish all expendables.

One locker will be furnished, but candidates must furnish their own locks.

The Board will be held at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi. (On the campus of the University Medical Center.)

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY JUNE 8, 1982	1:00 p.m.	Orientation - Lecture Room D-113 Jurisprudence written examination Written examination for all candidates.
WEDNESDAY JUNE 9, 1982	8:00 a.m.	Clinical examinations - 3rd floor clinics Patient waiting area 3rd floor Radiology clinic 2nd floor Locker rooms: Female Candidates Room D-105 Male Candidates Room D-115

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