

A Patient's Guide to the Clinical Licensure Examination



As a patient, you help an individual become a licensed dentist and support the high standards for the dental profession. To obtain a license, your student dentist must demonstrate clinical competency/ability by successfully completing a clinical licensure examination. As a licensure candidate, he/she relies on you, the patient, to do just that!

Tips from the American Dental Association to make your dental clinical examination run smoothly:

before the exam

- Confirm exam time, date and location with your student dentist and obtain his/her candidate number (see form). Block out plenty of time for the clinical licensure exam, including travel. Make necessary travel and lodging arrangements.
- Know what dental procedure you will have done. Don't be afraid to ask questions about the examination process or dental procedure.
- If ANYTHING should arise that may affect your ability to participate as a patient, tell the student dentist immediately. If you do not show up, he/she will fail that portion of the exam.
- Be sure to give the student any medical clearances or other paper work he/she requested.

exam day

- Plan to arrive early. Time is crucial!
- Dress in layers. Exam and clinic rooms can be chilly.
- Bring something to read during waiting time.
- Pack some snacks and a bottle of water.
- Bring a picture ID with you.

during the procedure

- This is an exam and the environment will be formal.
- Relax. Trust your student dentist. He/she is trained to complete the procedure and would not be there if not qualified to do so.
- Be aware that examiners will be present in the clinic area during the procedure.
- When the procedure is complete, the student will leave the area so the examiners can check the finished result and take notes. The examiners must put all of their focus on this important job; they can not comment on the dental work and may avoid questions or conversation.
- It is expected that _____ examiners will review the procedure. Ask your student dentist for this number.

after the procedure

- Once the evaluation is complete, the student will return to the clinic and prepare you to leave the clinic area.
- Pat yourself on the back for helping the dental profession.

thanks again!

Thank you for participating in the clinical exam. I've provided the details below. Please contact me with any other questions or concerns.

Candidate: Complete the blank sections and give to the patient as a reference guide. Make a copy for your records.

Examination Candidate's Name (your dentist): _____

Notes:

Candidate Number: _____

Dental Assistant Name (if applicable): _____

Examination Date: _____

Arrive to the Exam Room at: _____

Expected Exam Start Time: _____

Expected Exam End Time: _____

Lodging information (if applicable): _____

Will transportation be provided by candidate? Yes No

If yes, provide details: _____

Location (be as specific as possible; attach directions if needed):

Student Dentist Contact Information

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Any Other Information: _____

