## Louisiana

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| Dental School(s) and Exam Administration Dates | Louisiana State University  
CITA  
March 18-19, 2016 (manikin and patient)  
May 27-28, 2016 (manikin and patient) |

| License by Credential: Clinical experience requirements (years and/or hours) | Practiced dentistry for 1000 hours per year for the three years immediately prior to applying for a Louisiana dental license.  
Worked full time in dental education as a teacher for a minimum of three years immediately prior to applying for licensure in Louisiana.  
Successfully completed a two year general dentistry residency program or a residency program in one of the board recognized dental specialties within the 180 days immediately prior to applying for a Louisiana dental license. |

| Other License by Credential Requirements | Statute §768. Licensure by credentials  
No person who meets all of the criteria established under the provisions of this Chapter and those rules and regulations promulgated by the board relative thereto shall be denied a license based on credentials. Licensure by credentials shall be utilized to evaluate a dentist’s and dental hygienist’s theoretical knowledge and clinical skill when an applicant for licensure by credentials holds a dental or dental hygiene license in another state. This Chapter shall not be construed to allow licensure by reciprocity, which is prohibited. |

| Regulation §306. Requirements of Applicants for Dental Licensure by Credentials | A. The board may issue a license by credentials in lieu of an examination administered by a board approved clinical licensing examination agency provided that the applicant provides to the board satisfactory documentation evidencing that the applicant:  
1. meets all requirements set forth in R.S. 37:761 and 37:768, and LAC 46:XXXIII.103 and 1805;  
2. has satisfactorily passed an examination administered by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry testing the applicant’s knowledge of the Louisiana Dental Practice Act and the jurisprudence affecting same;  
3. currently possesses a nonrestricted license in another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)(1);  
4. has been in active practice, while possessing a nonrestricted license in another state, by:  
a. working full-time as a dentist at a minimum of 1,000 hours per year for the preceding three years before applying for licensure in Louisiana; or  
b. working full-time in dental education as a teacher for a minimum of three years immediately prior to applying for licensure in Louisiana; or  
c. having successfully completed a two-year general dentistry residency program, and applying for a Louisiana dental license by credentials within 180 days of his completion of the program; or |

The ADA attempts to keep this information current based on information from state dental boards, clinical testing agencies and state dental associations. Individuals seeking dental licensure are strongly urged to consult with the state board of dentistry and their professional advisors for current dental licensure information.
d. having successfully completed a residency program in one of the board-recognized dental specialties as defined in §301, and applying for a Louisiana dental license by credentials within 180 days of his completion of the program;
5. successfully completed an initial licensure examination that included procedures on a live patient;
6. has not failed any clinical licensure examination a total of three or more times. This number includes the accumulation of all examinations taken regardless of the testing agency. This number excludes failures of clinical examinations taken prior to an applicant’s final year of dental school. A make-up examination counts as an examination;
7. is endorsed as being in good standing by the state board of dentistry in the state of current practice and all prior states of licensure and practice;
8. has no pending criminal charges against him/her;
9. has paid all nonrefundable costs and fees;
10. has fully completed the required application form with all supporting data and certification of competency and good character;
11. has submitted Drug Enforcement Administration registration certificate number and state narcotics license number in all states wherein same are held or have been held;
12. has submitted one recent passport type color photograph;
13. has accounted for all units of time since graduation from dental school;
14. has furnished three affidavits of recommendation from professional associates (unrelated to the applicant) who have knowledge of the applicant’s ability to practice dentistry after the applicant’s graduation from dental school;
15. has no physical or psychological impairments which would, in the judgment of the board, adversely affect his/her ability to practice dentistry;
16. has completed continuing education in compliance with the rules of all states in which he is currently licensed and practicing;
17. has, if deemed necessary by the board, appeared for a personal interview before the board;
18. has shown or provided a sworn affidavit that there are no unresolved complaints against him/her;
19. has provided satisfactory explanation of any and all malpractice insurance payments made on the behalf of the applicant or any of the applicant’s employers; and
20. has shown that his/her professional liability insurance has never been revoked, modified, or nonrenewed.
B. Licensure by credentials shall be granted subject to the provisions of §307.A.
C. The holder of a license issued under this section shall establish a practice location and actively practice dentistry, as defined in R.S. 37:751, in Louisiana within one year from the date the license is issued. The license issued under this section shall be void upon a finding by the board that the licensee fails to limit the licensee’s practice to Louisiana or that the licensee no longer actively practices dentistry in Louisiana. However, when a dentist licensed under this section faces possible board action to void the dentist’s license for failure to limit the dentist’s practice to Louisiana, if the dentist demonstrates to the board that out-of-state practice actions were in connection with formal contract or employment arrangements for the dentist to provide needed clinical dental care to patients who are part of an identified ethnic or racial minority group living in a region of the other state with low access to dental care, the board, in its discretion, may waive the in-state limitations on the out-of-state practice for a maximum of 12 months.
Regulation §307. Criteria to be Utilized to Determine Professional Competence, Conduct and Ethics of an Applicant Seeking Licensure by Credentials

A. The following procedures shall be utilized by the board in determining the professional ability, conduct, and character of all applicants for a dental license in Louisiana by licensure by credentials:

1. information from the National Practitioner Data Bank and/or the American Association of Dental Examiners’ Clearinghouse for Disciplinary Information;
2. questioning under oath;
3. drug testing if reasonable cause is presented;
4. background check for criminal or fraudulent activities or conduct reflecting upon one’s professional conduct or ability;
5. the board reserves the right to conduct investigations into any and all information provided to satisfy statutory or regulatory requirements for licensure by credentials.

B. Regardless of the applicant’s compliance with the foregoing and the requirements listed in §306, the board may refuse to issue a dental license based on the applicant’s credentials for any of the following:

1. any material misrepresentation or omission in the application; or
2. any disciplinary action or sanctions taken against an applicant’s license in another jurisdiction; or

C. False or fraudulent statements or material omission will result in suspension or revocation of licensure if discovered after issuance of a license.

Exemptions from License

Statute §752. Exemptions from license

The licensing provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to: (1) The rendering of dental relief in emergency cases by a physician or surgeon in the practice of his profession if he is licensed and registered as such under the laws of this state and if he does not reproduce or undertake to reproduce lost parts of the human teeth in the mouth or to restore or replace lost or missing teeth in the mouth. (2) The practice of dentistry by dentists in the armed services of the United States, the United States Public Health Service, or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in the discharge of their official duties. (3) Dental schools or colleges approved by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry; the practice of dentistry by students in dental schools or colleges approved by the board when acting under the direction and supervision of registered dentists, licensed and acting as instructors or professors; interns in any hospital or institution, but not residents. (4) The practice of dentistry by licensed dentists of other states or countries at meetings of the Louisiana Dental Association or its component part, alumni meetings of dental colleges, or any other like dental organizations, while appearing as clinicians and by visiting dentists while teaching in the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry System on a part-time basis.