

WHAT IS NEW AT CRDTS?

CRDTS is committed to providing dental and dental hygiene candidates the most efficient, effective, and reliable opportunities for testing towards professional licensure, while ensuring competency and safety for the public.

We are growing and continually enhancing our examination platform to meet the needs of both the state licensing boards and candidates across the nation.

CRDTS LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS

The CRDTS Dental and Dental Hygiene Examination Committees have worked tirelessly over the past 18 months to meet the needs of the state boards, schools, and candidates. In addition to the traditional patient based dental restorative, periodontal and dental hygiene examinations, CRDTS has developed and implemented a total dental and dental hygiene manikin-based exam. The dental candidate can also elect to do the restorative preparations and the prosthodontic preparations on a virtual haptic Simodont machine at an approved CRDTS testing site. Acceptance of all CRDTS dental and dental hygiene manikin and haptic licensure examinations are subject to terms and conditions of the individual state licensing boards.

RETAKES:

While CRDTS has allowed and offered complimentary on-site retakes for dental hygiene candidates the past few years, the CRDTS Steering Committee approved the introduction of this same option for dental candidates. CRDTS understands the opportunity to retest at the same exam site rather than having to wait until the next scheduled full exam is advantageous and important to candidates. Qualifications for specific information regarding onsite retakes are outlined in the CRDTS Candidate Manuals.

Scores for dental examinations are released by 8 p.m. the night of the initial exam, so qualified candidates have the opportunity to register for retakes directly from the CRDTS website, make payments according to the fee schedule, and test the day following completion of the initial examination.

FEES:

The new Dental Examination fee schedule for retakes of CRDTS Dental Examinations is as follows: Complimentary on-site retakes for the candidate's initial attempt for the first failure of one part of a dental examination. If a candidate is unsuccessful on more than one part, i.e. (endodontics/ prosthodontics/periodontics /restorative) the fee will be \$250.00 per part after the first complimentary retake. Off-site retakes will be \$587.50 per part.

The Dental Hygiene Examination offers one complimentary onsite retake for qualified candidates.

EXAM SITES:

CRDTS understands the need to be informed and to remain open to technological changes within the dental and dental hygiene testing industry.

With an independent manikin exam site in Athens, GA and soon in Coldwater MI, and Topeka, KS, CRDTS offers initial exams and retakes for Dental manikin exams by appointment.

CRDTS also has the ability to provide a virtual haptic Dental Examination as a supplement to the manikin restorative and prosthodontic exam for candidates whose state dental board approves this modality of testing for licensure. The Athens, GA site can now be utilized to do the restorative and prosthodontic preparations.

COMMITMENT TO EXAM EXCELLENCE:

CRDTS has been committed to testing excellence for nearly 50 years. CRDTS continues to work with dental and dental hygiene schools, candidates, and state boards to improve the quality of our examinations. We strive to be, not just an acceptable mode of licensure examinations, but the most efficient, effective, and portable option.

To that end, CRDTS continues to assess and enhance our examinations. For the 2021 examination season an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) oral assessment component was added to the simulated patient dental hygiene exam, and for the 2022 examination season an OSCE oral assessment component will be added to the Dental Periodontal Manikin Examination. The dental hygiene and the dental oral assessment OSCE will be taken on site with no additional charge to the candidates.

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE RECENT CHANGES IN OUR LEADERSHIP AND STAFF:

Richael “Sheli” Cobler: Executive Director:

With CRDTS since April 2021, Ms. Cobler is a Topeka native and her office is at the Central Office headquarters. She has a Bachelor of Business degree with a dual major in Strategic Business Communications and Human Resources and a minor in Marketing. As a leader in business administration, Ms. Cobler has provided strategic advice and expertise in the implementation of policies, procedures, and governance standards throughout the course of her career. Ms. Cobler has been instrumental in the facilitation of board governance and implementation of technological advances for the efficiency and effectiveness of executives and directors for more than 20 years.

Dr. Mark Edwards:

Dr. Mark Edwards was recently hired to the position of Director of Dental Examinations at CRDTS. Dr. Edwards has examined for CRDTS for 26 years and has served on the Exam review, dental Calibration and Computer Simulated Exam Committees over this time frame. Dr. Edwards is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, Assistant Professor in the Department of Graduate Periodontics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry and is in private practice in Lawrence and Topeka, KS.

CRDTS is also pleased to announce that due to continued growth a new position has been created to help our current Director of Dental Hygiene Examinations, Ms. Kim Laudenslager, with the increasing workload in our hygiene department. We anticipate hiring a new Assistant Director to Dental Hygiene Examinations in mid-July and look forward to introducing you to this person at our CRDTS Annual Meeting

Re-organization of Central Office Staff:

The CRDTS Central Office staff has also had some recent changes that have increased the effectiveness of the nucleus of the organization.

Renee’ Gideon is our Office and Accounting Manager. Renee’ has been a devoted and essential part of CRDTS for nearly 20 years. With a background in business and bookkeeping Renee’ continues to enhance the office processes and improve the effective manner in which the center of CRDTS operates.

Shanee’ Askren has recently assumed the new position as Exam Administration and Data Management Coordinator. Shanee’ has been with CRDTS full-time for seven years and part-time for several years prior to that. Shanee’ provides critical assistance to the exam teams during examinations as well as administration of scoring for dental and dental hygiene exams.

Emma Rupke is the Hotel Coordinator and Administrative Assistant and has been with CRDTS for eight years. Emma provides vital expertise in communication and organization as she is the front line for inquiries and requests to the central office. Emma also handles the distribution of candidate scores and maintenance of the database.

Taya Davis was brought on board in April this year as a part-time permanent employee. Taya has quickly proven her ability and value to the organization through efficient and effective assembly of examination materials and electronics for shipping to the various examination sites where CRDTS is administering an examination.

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