

# SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR DENTAL CANDIDATES

The Commission on Dental  
Competency Assessments **CDCA**

# COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY



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## **Welcome to the University of Illinois College of Dentistry.**

The College is located at 801 S. Paulina Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612. This handbook has been prepared to assist dental candidates for the Commission on Dental Assessments exam. If additional information is needed after reading this handbook, please contact Robin Waner, Director of Clinics, by email only, rwaner@uic.edu.

## **Travel and Housing Arrangements**

### **1. Airline and Airport Information**

Chicago is served by two airports: O'Hare International Airport and Midway International Airport. Depending on origination, candidates may find flights into either airport and should inquire when booking reservations.

### **2. Ground Transportation To/From Airports**

- a. Taxi cab services and ride share services are available to and from airports, hotels and dental school.
- b. CTA is available directly from both airports (Blue Line to Pink Line from O'Hare and Orange Line to Pink Line from Midway), however trains don't run as early or as often during the early morning hours or on weekends.
- b. Rental car services are available at both airports. Listed below are just a few available:
  - Avis Rent A Car – 800-352-7900; [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com)
  - Enterprise Rent A Car – 844-377-0170; [www.enterprise.com](http://www.enterprise.com)
  - Hertz Rent a Car – 800-654-3131; [www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com)
- c. Directions for Driving from Airports:
  - From O'Hare International: Merge onto I-190 E / Kennedy Expy E toward I-190 / I-90 / I-294 / Chicago, Stay straight to go onto I-90 E / Kennedy Expy E, Merge onto I-290 W / Chicago-Kansas City Expressway W / Eisenhower Expy W via EXIT 51H toward West Suburbs, Take EXIT 28B toward Ashland Ave / 1600 W / Paulina St / 1700 W, Merge onto W Van Buren St., Take the 1st left onto S Ashland Ave., Turn right onto W Polk St., Take the 2nd left onto S Paulina St., destination will be on your left.
  - From Midway International: Start out going south on S Cicero Ave / IL-50, Merge onto I-55 N / Adlai E Stevenson Expy N toward Chicago, Take the Damen Ave exit, EXIT 290, toward Ashland Ave, Keep left to take the Damen

Ave ramp toward 2000 W, Keep left at the fork in the ramp, Turn slight left onto S Damen Ave, Turn right onto W Roosevelt Rd, Turn left onto S Paulina St, destination will be on your right.

### **3. Housing**

Reservations should be made directly with hotels/motels. Some hotels/motels are listed below. Candidates can inquire about shuttle services from their hotel to the dental school.

- Marriott Downtown at Medical District/UIC 2 blocks (312) 491-1234
- Chicago Hilton and Towers 5 miles (312) 922-4400

### **UIC College of Dentistry Facility and Services**

#### **1. Building and Access Hours**

The building will be open from 6:30 am to 5:00 pm during the examination, unless otherwise requested by the examiners.

#### **2. Parking**

There is a public parking structure on Paulina street, just South of the College. Parking is \$15.00 per weekday, and \$9.00 per day on weekends (no validation required). There is also street meter parking available along Paulina and Taylor streets.

#### **3. Registration and Identification Badges**

Numbered badges will be issued to candidates by CDCA during candidate orientation and will serve as an I.D. throughout the examination. The badge must be worn at all times while in the building. Badges must be turned in at the completion of the examination as part of the check-out procedure with the Commission of Dental Competency Assessments.

#### **4. ATM Machines**

There is an ATM machine located on the first floor of the College near the main entrance.

#### **5. Food Service**

There are vending machines located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the dental school. UI Hospital (across the street from the school) has a full service cafeteria on the first floor of the hospital that is open from 6:30 am until 7:00 pm (M-F) and 7:00 am until 2:00 pm (Sat, Sun). A number of restaurants are located on Taylor Street, 2 blocks from the dental school. Delivery is available during the weekdays.

## **Patient Screening and Radiographs**

- 1. UIC College of Dentistry **cannot** provide patients for candidates. Candidates should not ask the school for patients or patient records.**
- 2. UIC College of Dentistry **does not** offer clinic time for patient screenings. Candidates should not ask the school to accommodate the screening of patients.**
- 3. All digital candidate radiographs must be printed prior to candidate arrival.**

## **Preparing for the Exam**

### **1. Cubicles (Operatories)**

Each candidate will be assigned a numbered cubicle in the clinic which will correspond to the applicants numbered I.D. badge issued at orientation. Each cubicle is equipped with Pelton and Crane equipment (1) dental chair, (1) delivery unit, over-head light, operator stool and dental assistant stool. Any equipment malfunctions should be reported to either the Director of Clinics (who will be on the clinic floor throughout the exams) or someone from the maintenance department who will be on-site throughout the day. Candidates will be allowed to move into the assigned cubicles at 6:30 am. Please note: There is minimal space available for the storage of personal items.

### **2. Equipment, Instruments and Materials**

Items supplied by the school are listed in the supplements at the end of this handbook. Any equipment or supplies on loan/rental to candidates must be returned prior to check-out.

#### **a. Rental Fees**

Candidates must use UIC College of Dentistry's handpieces and ultrasonic scaler for the patient care and manikin portions of the CDCA examination. Kavo, air turbine components are used throughout the facility. A Dentsply Cavitron SPS unit (30K) will be provided if you are challenging the Perio portion of the Patient Exam. Sterile inserts will be dispensed for this at the time of the exam. The Facility/Handpiece Usage Fee, which is non-refundable for every outside CDCA candidate, is \$500 for both exam days and partial for one exam day \$250. This fee includes costs associated with the following:

- Equipping, preparing, maintaining, and staffing the clinics and laboratory facilities;
- Costs for disposable supplies;
- Renting of the UIC College of Dentistry handpiece cassettes and Cavitron

- No additional adapters are available for other handpieces AND no other adapters brought to the facility on the day(s) of the exam can be installed on the College's equipment.
- The cost for renting cassettes and bur/file blocks will be an additional \$150.00 per day. Rentals are done prior to the exam day(s); contact Robin Waner at [rwaner@uic.edu](mailto:rwaner@uic.edu) to arrange for payment.
- Payment can be made in the form of Cashier's Check, payable to UIC College of Dentistry, or by Credit Card, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.

#### **b. Ultrasonic Scalers**

All dental units have quick-connect water sources. Cavitron SPS (30K) units are installed at most of the dental units and there are other free-standing units that can be hooked up at the chairside at the time of the exam. If you bring your own ultrasonic scaler, it must have a compatible quick-connect piece on the water hose. No adapters are available from the College and none that are brought in from the outside will be installed by College of Dentistry staff at the time of the exam

#### **c. School Store**

UIC College of Dentistry does not have a school store nor is there a dental supply company on site for those needing to purchase instruments, materials or equipment. As such, outside CDCA candidates should plan accordingly.

### **DENTAL SUPPLIES**

#### **Items Supplied by Clinical Dispensary (items not listed are the responsibility of the candidate):**

##### **Disposable supplies**

Cotton gauze – 2x2  
 Cotton pellets  
 Cotton rolls  
 Cotton swabs  
 Cups, drinking  
 Dappen dishes  
 Disinfectant (Cavicide or Optim1 wipes and spray)  
 Saliva ejectors  
 High volume suction tips  
 Surgical suction tips  
 Air/water syringe tip, disposable  
 Headrest/chair covers

Patient napkins  
Disposable napkin holder  
Paper towels  
Plastic sleeves for unit covers  
Tray covers  
Personal protective equipment (nitrile gloves, gowns, masks, protective eyewear)  
Disposable impression trays

### **Patient Care Materials/Supplies**

Alginate  
Amalgam capsules  
Anesthesia, local and topical  
Articulating paper  
Biohazard bags  
Bonding agent (Scotch Bond-Universal Adhesive)  
Sterilization pouches

Calcium hydroxide (Dycal)  
Cement, temporary (Temp Bond)  
Cement, permanent (Duralon, FujiCem LC)  
Composites (Cosmedent Nano and Microfill, SDI Flowable-shade A2 only)  
Composite curing lights  
Denatured alcohol  
EDTA  
Floss  
Endo canal sealer  
Glass Ionomer – Ketac Nano  
Gutta percha, paper points  
Hemostatic agents (Viscostat, Hemodent)  
Isopropyl alcohol  
Matrices (including Garrison sectional matrix)  
Mouthwash  
Needles, short and long  
Phosphoric acid etch  
Polishing materials  
Prophy paste  
Prophy angles (disposable)  
RC Prep  
Retraction cord  
Rubber dam  
SnapStone  
TheraCal  
Tooth shade guides  
Temporary filling materials (Cavit, IRM)  
Wedjets  
Wooden wedges

### **Instrument Cassettes**

Pole mounted head and shroud (not magnetic)  
Endodontic Cassette  
Fixed Prosthodontics Cassette  
Rubber Dam Isolation Cassette  
Composite Cassette  
Amalgam Cassette  
Scaling and Root Planing Cassette  
Examination Cassette  
Handpiece Cassette  
Prophy Handpiece  
(NO Electric Handpieces are available for endo. procedure)  
Ultrasonic Insert Cassette  
Restorative Bur Block  
Composite Finishing Bur Block  
Prosth. Bur Block (diamond burs)  
Endodontic Bur Block

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Various length endo hand files (no "power" files are provided)  
Curing light  
BP Cuff and Stethoscope  
Glucometer

**During the Board**

**1. Infection Control**

**a. Surface Asepsis**

- Handles of the unit light, x-ray heads, light cure units, air-water syringes, computer keyboard, and wireless mouse must be covered with clear plastic bags (provided) or cover wrap.
- The dental unit and counter tops should be disinfected with Cavicide.
- The patient chair should be covered with plastic bags (provided).

**b. Personal Protective Equipment**

- Appropriate clothing is required (Scrubs, no open toed shoes)
- Disposable gowns, gloves, masks are provided and located in the clinic.
- Candidates are to provide their own OSHA-acceptable protective glasses. The school will provide protective glasses for patients on a "loan" basis.
- Antiseptic soap is available at sinks in clinic.



- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the clinical and patient waiting areas.

**c. Hazardous Waste**

Any blood/saliva-soaked waste is considered hazardous and must be disposed of in biohazard bags. Biohazard bags may be attached to the sides of the bracket tray. At the end of each session, bags should be sealed and brought to a bio-hazardous waste container (red) located in the sterilization area.

**d. Sharps Disposal**

All needles, anesthetic cartridges, blades and any other potential sharps are to be placed in the red plastic sharps containers located at each cubicle.

**2. Medical Emergencies**

In order to alert emergency personnel to a medical emergency and not unduly alarm the patient population, the following protocol must be followed upon discovering a serious medical emergency:

- a. The patient will remain in the care of the candidate or person discovering the problem. The patient must not be left alone. The assistant or responsible person will be sent to report the problem to the College of Dentistry Faculty dentist on site.
- b. The Faculty dentist will make a judgment as to whether a “coded” emergency exists.
- c. The assistant will be sent to the dispensary for emergency kit and a request that the dispensary place an immediate call for emergency personnel.

**If a “coded” emergency has been declared, dispensary personnel will immediately place calls to 5-5555, UIC Police.**

d. In all possible emergencies:

- Place the patient in a supine position, if unconscious
- Assess consciousness and responsiveness
- Check airway, assist respiration if indicated
- Check pulse; be prepared to perform CPR if indicated.