**Dental Hygiene Program—Licensure Information**

Graduation from the Dental Hygiene AAS program is designed to meet the degree requirement for professional licensure in Utah. Students must satisfy additional requirements to earn professional licensure in Utah. It is highly recommended that students consult in advance with the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) to find out more about eligibility for licensure in Utah. DOPL can be reached at 801-530-6628 or at their [website](https://dopl.utah.gov/index.html).

The SLCC Dental Hygiene AAS program is [accredited](http://www.slcc.edu/dentalhygiene/Accreditation/index.aspx) by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Upon administrative approval, second-year SLCC dental hygiene students are eligible to take examinations required for licensure, including the written National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) and state or regional clinical examinations, including the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.

**Utah Fees (Fees can change at any time)**

DOPL Licensure Application Fee: $60

National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) $565

Full ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination (Clinical and CSCE OSCE) $1,150

Licensure is the exclusive right and responsibility of each state. In order to earn licensure in other states, students must satisfy individual state requirements, independent of SLCC graduation requirements. Individual states may require different regional or state clinical exams, additional coursework, or other requirements before licensure is granted. Click on the state name below to see more information about applying for professional licensure in that state.

If you have additional questions about licensure requirements for your state, please contact your academic advisor or SLCC’s state authorization staff for help.

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| **States and Territories** | **Does the Dental Hygiene AAS program meet degree requirements in this state?**Latest update: 2/7/2024. Please email for more information. |
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| [Alabama](http://www.dentalboard.org/professionals/state-licensure-applications/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Alabama. **Board**: [Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama](http://www.dentalboard.org/professionals/state-licensure-applications/)**Contact**: 2229 Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham, AL 35216. Phone: 205-985-7267. Email: licensing@dentalboard.org **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [270-X-3.03 Educational Requirements for Examination, Qualification, Application, Examination and Licensure of Dental Hygienists](https://dentalboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/270-x-3.03.pdf)**Additional Information**:* Alabama accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Applicants are required to complete a jurisprudence examination.
* Applicants are required to submit a “Declaration of Citizenship and Lawful Presence of an Alien Resident” form.
* Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
* A separate application is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Alaska](https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofDentalExaminers/ApplicationsForms.aspx) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Alaska.**Board**: [Board of Dental Examiners](https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofDentalExaminers/ApplicationsForms.aspx)**Contact**: P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Phone: 907-269-8160. Email: BoardOfDentalExaminers@Alaska.Gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Sec 08.32.014](https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/DentalStatutes.pdf) **Additional Information**:* Alaska accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* [Alaska dental applications checklist](https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/DENApplicationChecklists.pdf)
* Dental Hygiene license application can be found [here](https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/den0075.pdf).
* Applicants are asked Professional Fitness Questions.
* A separate application is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
* Alaska also offers an Advanced Practice Permit.
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| American Samoa | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements in American Samoa.**Board**: [American Samoa, Department of Health, Dental Services](https://doh.as/services/dental-services/)**Contact**: 684-633-5871**Accreditation**: **Statute**: [American Samoa Code Annotated](https://guides.loc.gov/law-us-american-samoa/legislative)**Additional Information**: * American Samoa does not license Dental Hygienists at this time.
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| [Arizona](https://dentalboard.az.gov/home) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Arizona.**Board**: [Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners](https://dentalboard.az.gov/home)**Contact**: 1740 W Adams, Suite 2470, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Phone: 602-242-1492. Email: info@dentalboard.az.gov. [Online Contact Form](https://dentalboard.az.gov/contact-us). **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Regulations R4-11-301. Application](https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_04/4-11.pdf). (PDF)**Additional Information**:* Arizona accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Arizona requires the National Practitioner Data Bank review and a requires a criminal background check.
* [Application Instructions and additional information](https://dentalboard.az.gov/applications-and-forms).
* Out-of-state applicants who are licensed in another state will need to complete the [verification of non-Arizona dental license application.](https://dentalboard.az.gov/applications-and-forms)
* Applicants are asked to submit proof of US citizenship/legal residence.
* A separate application is required to administer local anesthetic agents. That application can be found [here](https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A3ab7b35f-8c77-3162-bd5c-fd1ae8cef3df&viewer%21megaVerb=group-discover).
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| [Arkansas](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-state-board-of-dental-examiners/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Arkansas.**Board**: [Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-state-board-of-dental-examiners/)**Contact**: 101 East Capitol Ave., Suite 111, Little Rock, AR 72201. Phone: 501-682-2085. Email: asbde@arkansas.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [17-82-306 Dental Hygienists – Licensing Procedure](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/Dental_Practice_Act.pdf). (PDF-scroll to page 17)**Additional Information**:* Arkansas accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Applicants with less than five years of experience will need to complete an application of licensure by examination. Applicants with five years or more can complete the application of licensure by credentials. More information on hygienist licensure requirements can be found [here](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/hygienists-licensure-information).
* Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
* Applicants are asked if they are US Citizens.
* A separate application is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [California](https://dhbc.ca.gov/applicants/index.shtml) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program **Does NOT Meet** the educational requirement for licensure in California.**Board**: [Dental Hygiene Board of California](https://dhbc.ca.gov/applicants/index.shtml)**Contact**: 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1350, Sacramento, CA 95815. Phone: 916-263-1978. Email: dhbcinfo@dca.ca.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Dental Hygiene Statutes](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=IE0AE63604C8111EC89E5000D3A7C4BC3&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)&bhcp=1).**Additional Information**: * California accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* **California requires out-of-state candidates for licensure to complete a Continuing Education Course, a DHBE-approved expanded duties course for periodontal soft tissue curettage, administration of local anesthetic, and the administration of nitrous oxide and oxygen analgesia. Courses are only available in-person in California.** [**More information**](https://dhbc.ca.gov/formspubs/pub_rdh_stc_la_no_courses_4_2021.pdf)**.**
* California requires a Live Scan criminal background check.
* Applicants are asked about possible refugee, asylum, or immigrant visa status.
* [Licensure application checklist](https://dhbc.ca.gov/formspubs/licexamchklist.pdf).
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| [Colorado](https://dpo.colorado.gov/Dental/Applications) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Colorado.**Board**: [Colorado Dental Board](https://dpo.colorado.gov/Dental/Applications)**Contact**: 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350, Denver, CO 80202. Phone: 303-894-7800. Email: dora\_dpo\_licensing@state.co.us**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [12-220-405 Application for dental hygienist license](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-K5DhxXxJZbOUFWejJVSTFyN3c/view?resourcekey=0-URW_PP8pdrfZFXtweeMobg).**Additional Information**:* Colorado accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Colorado completes a criminal background and professional background review.
* [Dental Hygienist Application Checklist](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzKoVwvexVATWGJsRW1KeHZYRzA/view?resourcekey=0-1i696Fbb8n5jrT1IrbjOaQ)
* A separate permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Connecticut](https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Dentalhygiene/Dental-Hygienist-Licensure-Requirements) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Connecticut.**Board**: [Connecticut Department of Public Health](https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Dentalhygiene/Dental-Hygienist-Licensure-Requirements)**Contact**: P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134. Phone: 860-509-7603. Email: dph.dentalteam@ct.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Policies](https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/PLIS/Practitioner-Licensure-General-Policies-and-Procedures).**Additional Information**:* Connecticut accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Connecticut completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
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| [Delaware](https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/dental/hygienist_license/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Delaware.**Board**: [Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene](https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/dental/hygienist_license/)**Contact**: Cannon Building, Suite 203, 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, DE 19904. Phone: 302-744-4500. Email: customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [24-11-1122. Examination](https://delcode.delaware.gov/title24/c011/sc02/index.html).**Additional Information**: * Delaware only accepts the [Delaware Practical Board Examination in Dental Hygiene](https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/dental/exams/).
* Applicants must submit a criminal background check.
* Applicants are required to be high school or GED graduates.
* Full list of qualifications for dental hygienist licensure can be found [here](http://delcode.delaware.gov/title24/c011/sc02/index.html#1122.).
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| [District of Columbia](https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/146102) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in District of Columbia.**Board**: [DC Board of Dentistry](https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/146102)**Contact**: 899 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Phone: 877-672-2174. Email: dcbod@dc.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [DC Municipal Regulations for Dental Hygienists](https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/314442). **Additional Information**:* DC accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Complete list of regulations and requirements for dental hygienists can be found [here](https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/Chapter.43.Dental.Hygiene.4.9.21.pdf).
* [Dental Hygienist application checklist](https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/Dentistry_Dental_Hygiene_Application_Checklist_0.pdf). (Note: This form refers to the NERB clinical exam, which has merged with other organizations to become the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam).
* Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
* The District of Columbia requires a certificate of completion of a course in the administration of anesthesia agents.
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| [Florida](https://floridasdentistry.gov/licensing/dental-hygienist/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Florida.**Board**: [Florida Board of Dentistry](https://floridasdentistry.gov/licensing/dental-hygienist/)**Contact**: 4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-04, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258. Phone: 850-488-0595. **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [466.007 Examination of Dental Hygienists](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0400-0499/0466/Sections/0466.007.html). **Additional Information**:* Florida accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* A separate permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents. That application can be found [here](https://floridasdentistry.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/ap_CertALA.pdf).
* Florida completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
* Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
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| [Georgia](https://gbd.georgia.gov/documents/apply-online) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Georgia.**Board**: [Georgia Board of Dentistry](https://gbd.georgia.gov/documents/apply-online)**Contact**: 2 Peachtree Street NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303. Phone: 404-651-8000. [Online contact form.](https://gbd.georgia.gov/contact-us)  **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [43-11-71. Qualifications of applicants for license; criminal background check](https://advance.lexis.com/documentpage/?pdmfid=1000516&crid=f7c11039-516d-42b1-8587-38c713ec0de1&nodeid=ABRAAWAAEAAD&nodepath=%2FROOT%2FABR%2FABRAAW%2FABRAAWAAE%2FABRAAWAAEAAD&level=4&haschildren=&populated=false&title=43-11-71.+Qualifications+of+applicants+for+license%3B+criminal+background+check.&config=00JAA1MDBlYzczZi1lYjFlLTQxMTgtYWE3OS02YTgyOGM2NWJlMDYKAFBvZENhdGFsb2feed0oM9qoQOMCSJFX5qkd&pddocfullpath=%2Fshared%2Fdocument%2Fstatutes-legislation%2Furn%3AcontentItem%3A6348-FYJ1-DYB7-W076-00008-00&ecomp=7gf5kkk&prid=11f84280-3989-4ea5-acaa-0032531a8a26). **Additional Information**:* Georgia accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* More information about requirements can be found on the applications and forms found [here](https://gbd.georgia.gov/applications-and-forms).
* [Georgia Dental Hygienist FAQs](https://gbd.georgia.gov/dental-hygienist-faqs)
* Georgia requires the National Practitioner Data Bank review and a criminal background check.
* Applicants are asked to submit an Affidavit Regarding Citizenship form.
* Georgia recently approved dental hygienists to administer local anesthetic.
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| [Guam](https://guamhplo.org/gbed) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Guam. **Board**: [Guam Board of Dentistry](https://guamhplo.org/gbed)**Contact**: 194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Terlaje Professional Building, Suite 213, Hagatna, Guam 96910. Phone: 671-735-7408. Email: Nicole.romero@dphss.guam.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: 10 CGA – Ch. 12. [§ 12451. Application for Licensure](https://guamhplo.org/sites/default/files/10gca_article_4_-_dental_practice_act.pdf). (PDF)**Additional Information**:* Applicants for licensure will need the following documents: a copy of their diploma from an accredited ADA program, a copy of a license to practice dental hygiene, and an official transcript from a dental training program.
* If needed, the board may require a clinical examination for licensure in Guam. More information about when a clinical examination is required is [available here](https://guamhplo.org/sites/default/files/25gar_ch8_-_dental.pdf) (scroll to page 6).
* Additional information on requirements for licensure can be found on the [application for licensure](https://guamhplo.org/sites/default/files/gbed_ancillary_personnel_app.pdf) as well as [this document of regulations](https://guamhplo.org/sites/default/files/25gar_ch8_-_dental.pdf) starting on page 31.
* [Guam Board of Dentistry FAQs.](https://guamhplo.org/gbed/faqs)
* Applicants are asked to submit a copy of a US Passport, Driver’s License, or Photo ID.
* A separate certification is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Hawaii](http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/dentist/application_publications/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Hawaii.**Board**: [Hawaii Board of Dentistry](https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/dentist/application_publications/)**Contact**: P.O. Box 3469, Honolulu, HI 96801. Phone: 808-586-3000. Email: dental@dcca.hawaii.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [HRS Chapter 447-1 Who may become dental hygienists; fees](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol10_Ch0436-0474/HRS0447/HRS_0447-0001.htm). **Additional Information**:* Hawaii accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* [Hawaii’s Board of Dentistry FAQs](https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2017/12/Dental-FAQs.pdf).
* Hawaii requires the National Practitioner Data Bank background review and criminal background review.
* Applicants are required to be at least 18 years of age.
* Applicants are required to be a US citizen, national, or alien authorized to work in the US, and to have a US Social Security number.
* A separate certification is required to administer local anesthetic agents. A Dental Hygienist Community Service License is also available.
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| [Idaho](https://isbd.idaho.gov/IBODPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Board=DHYG) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Idaho**Board**: [Idaho Board of Dentistry](https://isbd.idaho.gov/IBODPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Board=DHYG)**Contact:** 11341 W. Chinden Blvd, Bldg 4, Boise, ID 83714. Phone: 208-334-2369. Email: sbd-info@isbd.idaho.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [54-915 Qualifications Required for Dentists Dental Therapist or Dental Hygienist Licensure](https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title54/T54CH9/SECT54-915/). **Additional Information**:* Idaho accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Idaho requires successful completion of the WREB local anesthesia examination.
* Idaho completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
* A separate application form is required for [Extended Access Dental Hygiene License Endorsement](https://isbd.idaho.gov/IBODPortal/BOD/Documents/Dental%20Hygienists/Online%20Extended%20Access.pdf). (PDF)
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| [Illinois](https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/dentist.html) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Illinois.**Board**: [Illinois Board of Dentistry](https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/dentist.html)**Contact**: 555 West Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60661. Phone: 888-473-4858. [Online contact form](https://idfpr.com/profs/Email/prfGrp09.asp). **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [225 ILCS 25/13. Qualifications of applicants for dental hygienists](https://ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1296&ChapAct=225&nbsp;ILCS&nbsp;25/&ChapterID=24&ChapterName=PROFESSIONS%20AND%20OCCUPATIONS&ActName=Illinois%20Dental%20Practice%20Act.).**Additional Information**:* Illinois accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Applicants must be at least 21 years of age.
* Illinois completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
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| [Indiana](https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/dentistry-home/dentistry-licensing-information/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Indiana.**Board**: [Indiana State Board of Dentistry](https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/dentistry-home/)**Contact**: 402 W. Washington Street, Room W072, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Phone: 317-232-2960. Email: pla8@pla.in.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Indiana Code 25-13-1-4. License; application; examination; fee](https://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/25#25-13-1-4). **Additional Information**:* Indiana accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Indiana completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
* A separate permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents. Application instructions for this permit can be found [here](https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/dentistry-home/dentistry-licensing-information/#Dental_Hygienist_Anesthesia_Permit).
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| [Iowa](https://dentalboard.iowa.gov/practitioners/dental-hygienists) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Iowa.**Board**: [Iowa Dental Board](https://dentalboard.iowa.gov/practitioners/dental-hygienists)**Contact**: 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, IA 50309. Phone: 515-281-5157. Email: IDB@iowa.gov. [Online contact form.](https://dentalboard.iowa.gov/contact) **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [650-11.5 (147,153) Dental hygiene licensure by examination](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/03-08-2023.650.11.pdf). (PDF)**Additional Information**:* Iowa accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Iowa completes a criminal background review and professional disciplinary background review.
* A separate permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Kansas](https://www.dental.ks.gov/professions/dental-hygienist) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Kansas.**Board**: [Kansas Dental Board](https://www.dental.ks.gov/professions/dental-hygienist)**Contact**: 900 SW Jackson, Room 455-S, Topeka, KS 66612-1230. Phone: 785-296-6400. Email: dental.info@ks.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [65-1455 Licensing of dental hygienists](https://www.dental.ks.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/kansas-dental-practices-act-%28january-2020%295db03c600997623f8994ff0000a74f6d.pdf?sfvrsn=a1275e32_0). (PDF)**Additional Information**:* Kansas accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Kansas requires the National Practitioner Data Bank Report review and a criminal background review.
* Applicants are asked if they are US Citizens.
* Additional Extended Care Permits are available.
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| [Kentucky](https://dentistry.ky.gov/Dental-Hygienists/Pages/Initial-Licensure.aspx) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Kentucky.**Board**: [Kentucky Board of Dentistry](https://dentistry.ky.gov/Dental-Hygienists/Pages/Initial-Licensure.aspx)**Contact**: 312 Whittington Parkway, Suite 101, Louisville, KY 40222. Phone: 502-429-7280. [Online contact form](https://dentistry.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx). **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [201 KAR 8:563 Licensure of dental hygienists](https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/201/008/563/). **Additional Information**:* Kentucky accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Application for dental hygiene licensure can be found [here](https://dentistry.ky.gov/Documents/ApplicationforDentalHygieneLicensure.pdf).
* Kentucky requires applicant to submit proof of a Kentucky State Police and a Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Check.
* A separate license is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Louisiana](http://www.lsbd.org/licenseinfo.htm) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Louisiana.**Board**: [Louisiana State Board of Dentistry](http://www.lsbd.org/licenseinfo.htm)**Contact**: P.O. Box 5256, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-5256. Phone: 225-219-7330. **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [37-9-764 Dental Hygienist; application for license. (PDF. Scroll to Page 16)](http://www.lsbd.org/applications/DentalPracticeAct.pdf)**Additional Information:*** Louisiana accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* More information can be found on the [application for dental hygiene license](http://www.lsbd.org/applications/LBEApplicationHygiene.pdf).
* Louisiana completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
* Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
* Applicants must submit proof of US citizen ship or US naturalization or documentation of eligibility to work in US.
* A separate license is required to administer local anesthetic agents. The application for this can be found [here](http://www.lsbd.org/applications/Hygiene%20Anesthesia%20Application.pdf).
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| [Maine](https://www.maine.gov/dental/licensure/forms.html) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Maine.**Board**: [Maine Board of Dental Practice](https://www.maine.gov/dental/licensure/forms.html)**Contact**: 143 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0143. Phone: 207-287-3333. Email: dental.board@maine.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [32-143-18345. Dental Hygienist](https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/32/title32sec18345.html).**Additional Information**:* Maine accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Maine requires the requires the National Practitioner Data Bank Report and a criminal background check.
* A separate license is required to administer local anesthetic agents. Application for this license can be found [here](https://www.maine.gov/dental/documents/local_anesthesia_authority_application.pdf).
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| [Maryland](https://health.maryland.gov/dental/Pages/home.aspx) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Maryland.**Board**: [Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners](https://health.maryland.gov/dental/Pages/home.aspx)**Contact**: 55 Wade Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228. Phone: 410-402-8501. Email: mdh.mddentalboard@maryland.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Md. Health Occupations Code Ann. § 4-302. Qualification of applicants.](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document/collection/statutes-legislation/id/63SM-VX91-DYB7-W2FV-00008-00?cite=Md.%20Health%20Occupations%20Code%20Ann.%20%C2%A7%204-302&context=1000516)**Additional Information**:* Maryland accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* There is an application for those who are trying to get licensure in Maryland while licensed in another state. More information about the requirements for this application can be found [here](https://health.maryland.gov/dental/Pages/forms_original.aspx).
* Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
* Maryland completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
* Information about the additional application [to administer nitrous oxide is available here](https://health.maryland.gov/dental/pdf/Bulletin-Summary-Nitrous-Draft%203%20-%20Final%20-%20Regulations%20Final.pdf).
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| [Massachusetts](https://www.mass.gov/dental-hygienist-licenses) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Massachusetts.**Board**: [Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry](https://www.mass.gov/dental-hygienist-licenses)**Contact**: 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. Phone: 800-414-0168. Email: dentistry.admin@state.ma.us**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [234 CMR 4.07: Initial Dental Hygienist Licensure by Examination](https://www.mass.gov/doc/234-cmr-4-licensure-and-license-renewal-requirements/download). (PDF-Page 5)**Additional Information**: * Massachusetts accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Application for dental hygienist and more information can be found [here](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-dental-hygienist-license).
* Massachusetts requires the requires the National Practitioner Data Bank Report and a criminal background check.
* A separate license is required to administer local anesthetic agents. Application and more information can be found [here](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-local-anesthesia-permit-as-a-dental-hygienist).
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| [Michigan](https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0%2C4601%2C7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27533---%2C00.html) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Michigan.**Board**: [Michigan Board of Dentistry](https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0%2C4601%2C7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27533---%2C00.html)**Contact**: PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. Phone: 517-241-0199. Email: BPLHelp@michigan.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Act 368 - 333.16611](http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-333-16611)**Additional Information:*** Michigan accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* [Board of Dentistry FAQs](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry_FAQ___7-15-2016_531041_7.pdf).
* [Dental Hygienist Licensing Guide](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/RDH_Final_654126_7.pdf).
* Michigan completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
* A separate license is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Minnesota](https://mn.gov/boards/dentistry/new-applicant/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Minnesota.**Board**: [Minnesota Board of Dentistry](https://mn.gov/boards/dentistry/new-applicant/)**Contact**: 335 Randolph Ave, Suite 250, St. Paul, MN 55102. Phone: 612-617-2250. Email: dental.board@state.mn.us**Statute**: [150.06 Subd. 2. Dental Hygienists](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/150A.06).**Additional Information**: * Minnesota accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Minnesota completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
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| [Mississippi](https://www.dentalboard.ms.gov/dental-hygiene-applications-and-forms) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Mississippi.**Board**: [Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners](https://www.dentalboard.ms.gov/dental-hygiene-applications-and-forms)**Contact**: 600 East Amite Street, Suite 100, Jackson, MS 39201. Phone: 601-944-9622. Email: dental@dentalboard.ms.gov. [Online contact form](https://www.dentalboard.ms.gov/contact).**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [73-9-23—Examinations for License](https://www.dentalboard.ms.gov/sites/dentalboard/files/laws73-9-23.pdf). (PDF)**Additional Information**:* Mississippi accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* [Dental Hygiene Applications and Forms.](https://www.dentalboard.ms.gov/dental-hygiene-applications-and-forms)
* Mississippi requires the National Practitioner Data Bank Report and a criminal background review.
* Applicants are asked if they are a citizen or authorized to work in the US.
* Applicants must possess a high school education and be at least aged 21.
* A separate application is available for Certification to Administer Local Anesthesia.
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| [Missouri](https://pr.mo.gov/dental-application-forms.asp) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Missouri.**Board**: [Missouri Dental Board](https://pr.mo.gov/dental-application-forms.asp)**Contact**: 3605 Missouri Boulevard, P.O. Box 1367, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Phone: 573-751-0040. Email: dental@pr.mo.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [332.231 Applicant for Dental Hygienist, Qualifications](https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneChapter.aspx?chapter=332).**Additional Information**: * Missouri accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Missouri completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
* Applicants must submit separate applications for Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide permits.
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| [Montana](http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/den#1?2) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Montana.**Board**: [Montana Board of Dentistry](https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/dentistry/#1?2)**Contact**: PO Box 200513, Helena, MT 59620. Phone: 406-444-6880. Email: dlibsdhelp@mt.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [37-4-301. Qualifications—Fees](https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0370/chapter_0040/part_0030/section_0010/0370-0040-0030-0010.html). **Additional Information**:* Montana accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Montana requires the National Practitioner Data Bank Report and a criminal background review.
* An additional application is required to [administer local anesthetic agents available here](https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/dentistry/license-information/dental-hygiene).
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| [Nebraska](http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/DentHygApp.pdf) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Nebraska.**Board**: [Nebraska Dental Board](https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Dental-Hygienist.aspx)**Contact**: PO Box 94986, Lincoln, NE 68509-4986. Phone: 402-471-2118. Email: DHHS.MedicalOffice@nebraska.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Dentistry Practice Act](https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/Dentistry.pdf). (PDF, scroll to page 7). 38-1118 Dental Hygienist.**Additional Information**:* Nebraska now accepts the 2023 [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Nebraska requires a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
* Applicants must be at least 19 years old.
* Applicants must provide documentation of US citizenship or authorization to work in the US.
* A separate permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents. Anesthesia permit applications can be found [here](https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/localapp.pdf). An Expanded Scope Function is also available for licensed Dental Hygienists in Nebraska.
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| [Nevada](http://dental.nv.gov/Licensure/New_Applicants/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Nevada.**Board**: [Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners](https://dental.nv.gov/Licensure/New_Applicants/)**Contact**: 2651 N Green Valley Pkwy, Ste 104, Henderson, NV 89014. Phone: 702-486-7044. Email: nsbde@dental.nv.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [NRS 631.300 Dental Hygienists: Examination; Issuance of Certificate of Registration](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-631.html#NRS631Sec300).**Additional Information**:* Nevada accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Applicants are required to be over 18 years old.
* Applicants are required to be US citizens or lawfully entitled to remain and work in the US.
* Nevada requires the National Practitioner Data Bank Report and a criminal background/fingerprinting check.
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| [New Hampshire](https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-dental-examiners) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in New Hampshire. [317-A: Dentists and Dentistry](https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/NHTOC/NHTOC-XXX-317-A.htm). **Board**: [New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners](https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-dental-examiners)**Contact**: 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301-4980. Phone: 603-271-2152. Email: OPLCLicensing8@oplc.nh.gov **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [317-A:21 Licensure](https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/NHTOC/NHTOC-XXX-317-A.htm). **Additional Information**:* New Hampshire accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* [Board of Dental Examiners FAQs](https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-dental-examiners-faq)
* New Hampshire completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary background review.
* An additional permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [New Jersey](https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/den/Pages/applications.aspx) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in New Jersey.**Board**: [New Jersey State Board of Dentistry](https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/den/Pages/applications.aspx)**Contact**: PO Box 45005, Newark, NJ 07101. Phone: 973-504-6405. Email: Dentistry@dca.njoag.gov. [Online contact form](https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/den/Pages/contactus.aspx). **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [13:30-1A.2 Application for Licensure as Dental Hygienist](https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/regulations/Chapter-30-New-Jersey-Board-of-Dentistry.pdf). (PDF—Page 12.)**Additional Information**:* New Jersey accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* [Dental hygiene license application process overview](https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/den/Documents/Dental-Hygienist-Application-Process-Overview.pdf).
* New Jersey completes a criminal background check and professional disciplinary review.
* An additional permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [New Mexico](https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/dental-health-care/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in New Mexico.**Board**: [New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care](https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/dental-health-care/)**Contact**: 2550 Cerrillos Road, Second Floor, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone: 505-476-4622. Email: Dental.Board@state.nm.us**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [61-5A-13. Dental Hygienist Licensure](https://nmonesource.com/nmos/nmsa/en/item/4397/index.do#!fragment/zoupio-_Toc146014792/BQCwhgziBcwMYgK4DsDWszIQewE4BUBTADwBdoAvbRABwEtsBaAfX2zgEYAWANgAZuAdgCcAJgCUAGmTZShCAEVEhXAE9oAcg2SIcXNgA2BgMJI00AITIdhMLgRKV6rTbsIAynlIAhdQCUAUQAZAIA1AEEAOWMAyVIwACNoUnZxcSA).**Additional Information**:* New Mexico accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* New Mexico requires a Professional Background Information Service review and a criminal background review.
* An additional certification is required to [administer local anesthetic agents](https://www.rld.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Affidavit_of_Local_Anesthesia_Under_General_Supervision.pdf).
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| [New York](https://www.op.nysed.gov/dental-hygienists) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in New York.**Board**: [New York State Board for Dentistry](https://www.op.nysed.gov/dental-hygienists)**Contact**: 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234-1000. Phone: 518-474-3817. Email: dentbd@nysed.gov. **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Article 133, Section 6609 - Requirements for a License as a Dental Hygienist](https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/dental-hygienists/laws-rules-regulations/article-133).**Additional Information:** * New York accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* New York completes a criminal background review and professional disciplinary review.
* Applicants must be at least 17 years of age.
* Applicants are asked about citizenship status.
* An additional certification is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [North Carolina](http://www.ncdentalboard.org/hygienist.htm) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in North Carolina.**Board**: [North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners](https://www.ncdentalboard.org/hygienist.htm)**Contact**: 2000 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 160, Morrisville, NC 27560. Phone: 919-678-8223. Email: info@ncdentalboard.org**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Article 16 - 90-224. Examination](https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByArticle/Chapter_90/Article_16.html). **Additional Information:*** North Carolina accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Dental hygienists that have been working in another state for at least two years can apply for licensure by credential in North Carolina.
* North Carolina completes a criminal background/fingerprinting review and professional disciplinary review.
* Applicants must be high school or GED graduates.
* An additional certification is required to administer local anesthetic agents. Additional information can be found [here](https://www.ncdentalboard.org/PDF/LocalAnestheticsCertProcess%20sept%2021.pdf). (PDF)
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| [North Dakota](https://www.nddentalboard.org/practitioners/hygienist/index.asp) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in North Dakota.**Board**: [North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners](https://www.nddentalboard.org/practitioners/hygienist/index.asp)**Contact**: PO Box 7246, Bismarck, ND 58507. Phone: 701-258-8600. Email: info@nddentalboard.org. [Online contact form.](https://www.nddentalboard.org/contact/) **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [20-04-01-04. Additional Requirements for Licensure by Examination](https://www.ndlegis.gov/information/acdata/pdf/20-04-01.pdf). (PDF—Page 7)**Additional Information**:* North Dakota accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* North Dakota completes a criminal background/fingerprinting check and professional disciplinary review.
* An additional permit is required to [administer local anesthetic agents](https://www.nddentalboard.org/practitioners/hygienist/index.asp).
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| Northern Mariana Island | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in CNMI.**Board**: [CNMI Health Care Professions Licensing Board](https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board/)**Contact**: P.O. Box 502078, Bldg., 11925 Pohnpei Court Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, 670-664-48809, info@cnmilicensing.gov.mp **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [3-2-2212. Health Care Professionals Required to be Licensed](https://cnmilaw.org/pdf/cmc_section/T3/2212.pdf). **Additional Information**: * Applicants are asked about possible criminal convictions. Applicants must submit a NPDB report.
* Applicants are asked about US Citizenship status.
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| [Ohio](https://dental.ohio.gov/Licensure/Dental-Hygienist) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Ohio.**Board**: [Ohio State Dental Board](https://dental.ohio.gov/Licensure/Dental-Hygienist)**Contact**: 77 S. High Street, 17th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6135. Phone: 614-466-2580. Email: dental.board@den.ohio.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [4715.10 Application for License](https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-4715.10). [4715-9-03. Requirements for licensure for dental hygienists](https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-4715-9-03).**Additional Information:*** Ohio accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Ohio completes a criminal background/fingerprinting check and professional disciplinary review.
* Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
* Additional documents need to be completed before being able to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Oklahoma](https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/Applications_%26_Forms/index.html) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Oklahoma.**Board**: [Oklahoma Board of Dentistry](https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/Applications_%26_Forms/index.html)**Contact**: 2920 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite B, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Phone: 405-522-4844. Email: obod.board@ok.gov. [Online contact form](https://www.ok.gov/triton/contact.php?ac=277&id=253).**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [59-7-328.21 – Registration and Display of Licenses and Certificates](https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/documents/Oklahoma%20Statutes%20Dental%20Act%202022.pdf). (PDF-Page 10)**Additional Information**:* Oklahoma accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* [Board of Dentistry FAQs](https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/faqs.html).
* Oklahoma requires the National Practitioner Data Bank Report and a criminal background/fingerprinting review.
* Applicants are required to submit proof of US citizenship or proof of qualified alien documentation.
* Applicants are required to list high school attendance dates.
* Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old at the date of application.
* An additional application is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Oregon](https://www.oregon.gov/Dentistry/Pages/index.aspx) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Oregon.**Board**: [Oregon Board of Dentistry](https://www.oregon.gov/Dentistry/Pages/index.aspx)**Contact**: 1500 SW 1st Avenue, Suite 770, Portland, OR 97201. Phone: 971-673-3200. Email: information@obd.oregon.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [680.020 Practice of Dental Hygiene without License Prohibited: Applicability of Dental Hygiene License Requirement](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors680.html). **Additional Information**:* Oregon accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Oregon completes a criminal background check and professional disciplinary review.
* Applicants must be 18 years or older.
* An additional permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents. [Application information is available here](https://www.oregon.gov/dentistry/Pages/anesthesia-permits.aspx).
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| Palau | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene programMEETS educational requirements in Palau.**Board**: [Ministry of Health and Human Services](https://www.palaugov.pw/executive-branch/ministries/health/).**Contact**: PO Box 6027, Koror, Republic of Palau, 680-488-2552**Statute**: **Additional Information**:Palau does not license Dental Hygenists at this time. |
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| [Pennsylvania](https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Dentistry/Pages/Initial-Applications.aspx)  | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Pennsylvania.**Board**: [Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry](https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Dentistry/Pages/Initial-Applications.aspx)**Contact**: PO Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649. Phone: 717-783-7162. Email: ST-DENTISTRY@PA.GOV**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [33.103. Examinations](https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/049/chapter33/subchapBtoc.html&d=reduce).**Additional Information**:* Pennsylvania accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Pennsylvania requires applicant to submit a Criminal History Background Check from the state police for every state where the applicant has lived, along with a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Identity History Summary Check.
* An additional permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Puerto Rico](https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/444) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Puerto Rico.**Board:** [**Puerto Rico Board of Dental Examiners**](https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/444)**Contact:** P.O. Box 10200, San Juan, PR 00908-0200. Phone: 787-765-2929. Email: salud@salud.pr.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Leyes y Reglamentos](https://bvirtualogp.pr.gov/ogp/Bvirtual/leyesreferencia/PDF/75-1925.pdf). **Additional Information:*** Puerto Rico accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Applicants are asked about US citizen, naturalization, or resident status.
* Applicants are required to submit a copy of a high school diploma.
* Applicants are required to submit a criminal record certificate issued by the Police Department of Puerto Rico.
* Reciprocity is available for applicants who are licensed in another state. More information on reciprocity can be found on [this document on page 22.](https://bvirtualogp.pr.gov/ogp/Bvirtual/leyesreferencia/PDF/75-1925.pdf) The information is available in English [here](https://casetext.com/statute/laws-of-puerto-rico/title-twenty-examining-boards-and-professional-colleges/chapter-5-board-of-dental-examiners-and-college-of-dental-surgeons/subchapter-i-board-of-dental-examiners/94i-dental-hygiene-reciprocity).
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| [Rhode Island](http://www.health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=251) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Rhode Island.**Board**: [Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry](https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=251)**Contact**: 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Phone: 401-222-2828. Email: doh.elicense@health.ri.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [5-31.1-6. License to Practice-Qualification of Appicants-Fee-Reexamination](http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE5/5-31.1/5-31.1-6.htm).**Additional Information**: * Rhode Island accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Rhode Island completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary review.
* Applicants are required to submit a copy of a Driver’s License or other state issued ID. Applicants are also required to submit a Social Security Number.
* Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
* An additional permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [South Carolina](https://www.llr.sc.gov/bod/pub.aspx) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in South Carolina.**Board**: [South Carolina Board of Dentistry](https://www.llr.sc.gov/bod/pub.aspx)**Contact**: 110 Centerview Dr, Columbia, SC 29210. Phone: 803-896-4599. Email: Contact.Dentistry@llr.sc.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [40-15-140. Examination of Applicants for Licensure or Registration](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t40c015.php).**Additional Information**: * South Carolina accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* South Carolina requires the National Practitioner Data Bank review and criminal background check.
* Applicants are asked about their US citizen, president, or qualified alien status.
* An additional permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [South Dakota](https://www.sdboardofdentistry.org/Hygienist/Apps/index.asp) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in South Dakota.**Board**: [South Dakota State Board of Dentistry](https://www.sdboardofdentistry.org/Hygienist/Apps/index.asp) **Contact**: PO Box 1079, Pierre, SD 57501-1079. Phone: 605-224-1282. [Online contact form.](https://www.sdboardofdentistry.org/contact/) **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [36-6A-44.2. Criteria for License to Practice as Dental Hygienist](https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/36-6A-44.2).**Additional Information**:* South Dakota accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* South Dakota completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary review.
* Applicants must submit a jurisprudence exam.
* An additional permit is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Tennessee](https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/dentistry-board/dentistry-board/applications.html) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Tennessee.**Board**: [Tennessee Board of Dentistry](https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/dentistry-board/dentistry-board/applications.html)**Contact**: 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243. Phone: 615-532-5073. Email: dental.health@tn.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-5-114](https://advance.lexis.com/documentpage/?pdmfid=1000516&crid=51fabc15-bf32-4bec-b81f-372d0104d0d7&pdistocdocslideraccess=true&config=025054JABlOTJjNmIyNi0wYjI0LTRjZGEtYWE5ZC0zNGFhOWNhMjFlNDgKAFBvZENhdGFsb2cDFQ14bX2GfyBTaI9WcPX5&pddocfullpath=%2Fshared%2Fdocument%2Fstatutes-legislation%2Furn%3AcontentItem%3A50G5-6KC0-R03N-D2CR-00008-00&pdcomponentid=234180&pdtocnodeidentifier=ACKAAFAABAAO&ecomp=k2vckkk&prid=274a2340-ff7f-42da-bd8e-47b2f1252796). **Additional Information**: * Tennessee accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Tennessee completes a criminal background check and professional disciplinary review.
* Applicants must submit proof of US citizenship or evidence of eligibility to work in US.
* An additional certification is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Texas](http://tsbde.texas.gov/licensing/hygienists/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Texas.**Board**: [Texas State Board of Dental Examiners](http://tsbde.texas.gov/licensing/hygienists/)**Contact**: 1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 8.600, Austin, TX 78701. Phone: 512-463-6400. **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [3-D-256.053. Eligibility for License](https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/OC/pdf/OC.256.pdf). (PDF-Page 4)**Additional Information**: * Texas accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Texas requires the National Practitioner Data Bank Report and a fingerprint criminal background check.
* Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
* Applicants must be high school or GED graduates.
* Applicants must submit a copy of a driver’s license naturalization papers or passport.
* Dental Hygienists in Texas can now administer local anesthesia. [Watch the TDHA website for additional information.](https://www.texasdha.org/local-anesthesia-facts)
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| [Vermont](https://sos.vermont.gov/dental-examiners/forms-instructions/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Vermont.**Board**: [Vermont Board of Dental Examiners](https://sos.vermont.gov/dental-examiners/forms-instructions/) **Contact**: 89 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402. Phone: 802-828-1505. [Online contact form](https://sos.vermont.gov/opr/about-opr/contact-us/?lamcontact). **Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [26 VSA § 621. License by Examination](https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/26/012/00621).**Additional Information**:* Vermont accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
* An additional endorsement is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| Virgin Islands | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in the Virgin Islands.**Board**: [Virgin Islands Board of Dental Examiners](https://doh.vi.gov/board-of-dental-examiners/)**Contact**: PO Box 222995, Christiansted, VI 00822-2995. Phone: 340-718-1311 x 3849**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [27-69. Dental Hygienist—Licensing](https://doh.vi.gov/sites/default/files/RDH%20DDS%20APPL%202021%20Rev%20Fill.pdf). (PDF—Scroll to Page 22)**Additional Information**:* The Virgin Islands accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Applicants are asked about US citizenship status.
* Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
* Applicants are asked about possible criminal background.
* Full list of requirements and applications can be found [here](https://doh.vi.gov/sites/default/files/RDH%20DDS%20APPL%202021%20Rev%20Fill.pdf).
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| [Virginia](https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Dentistry/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Virginia.**Board**: [Virginia Board of Dentistry](https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Dentistry/)**Contact**: 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, VA 23233-1463. Phone: 804-367-4538. Email: denbd@dhp.virginia.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [54.1-2722. License; Application; Qualification; Practice of Dental Hygiene](https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/media/dhpweb/docs/dentistry/leg/Chapter27_Dentistry.pdf). (PDF-Scroll to Page 25)**Additional Information**:* Virginia also accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Application instructions can be found [here](https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/Forms/Dentistry/DenHyg_InstrForms.pdf).
* Virginia requires the National Practitioner Data Bank Report.
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| [Washington](https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/dental-hygienist) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Washington.**Board**: [Washington Dental Quality Assurance Commission](https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/dental-hygienist)**Contact**: P.O. Box 47865, Olympia, WA 98504-7865. Phone: 360-236-4700. Email: hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [RCW 18.29.021—Requirements for Licensure](https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.29.021).**Additional Information**:* Washington accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Full list of requirements can be found [here](https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/dental-hygienist/licensing-information).
* Applicants are asked about possible criminal background.
* Washington completes a criminal background check and a professional discipline review.
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| [West Virginia](http://wvdentalboard.org/) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in West Virginia.**Board**: [West Virginia Board of Dentistry](https://wvbodprod.glsuite.us/GLSuiteWeb/Clients/WVBOD/StaticFiles/home.aspx)**Contact**: PO Box 1447, Crab Orchard, WV 25827. Phone: 877-914-8266. Email: wvbde@suddenlinkmail.com**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [§5-9-5. Application of Licensure of a Dental Hygienist](https://wvbodprod.glsuite.us/GLSuiteWeb/Clients/WVBOD/StaticFiles/pdf/Laws/5CSR09.pdf).**Additional Information**:* West Virginia accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Applicants are asked about US citizenship or lawful presence.
* West Virginia completes a criminal background/fingerprinting check.
* An additional license is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Wisconsin](https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/DentalHygienist/Default.aspx) | **Determination**: The SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Wisconsin.**Board**: [Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board](https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/DentalHygienist/Default.aspx)**Contact**: PO Box 8366, Madison, WI 53708-8366. Phone: 608-266-2112. Email: dsps@wi.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [DE 2.001. Application for License](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/de/2.pdf). (PDF) **Additional Information**:* Wisconsin accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* [Application information](https://dsps.wi.gov/Credentialing/Health/info511.pdf). (PDF)
* Wisconsin completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary review.
* Applicants are required to complete an Examination on Wisconsin Law.
* An additional license is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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| [Wyoming](https://dental.wyo.gov/) | **Determination**: SLCC Dental Hygiene program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure in Wyoming.**Board**: [Wyoming Board of Dental Examiners](https://dental.wyo.gov/)**Contact**: 2001 Capitol Ave, Room 127, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Phone: 307-777-7387. Email: dentalboard@wyo.gov**Accreditation**: CODA-accreditation accepted.**Statute**: [33-15-119. Dental Hygienists; Qualifications](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zGx-j-8PImC9FcJfID9SaLEeX3ukQMxB/view). **Additional Information**:* Wyoming accepts the [CDCA-WREB-CITA](https://adextesting.org/) clinical exam.
* Wisconsin completes a criminal background and professional disciplinary review.
* Applicants are required to submit proof of lawful presence in the US. [List of acceptable documents](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tqBbvyBeTntcDd_5PNnxc5Ixs_bZgAWFSS_pb6AaEZQ/edit).
* An additional application is required to administer local anesthetic agents.
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