

Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Examination

2024 CANDIDATE MANUAL



Please read all pertinent manuals in detail before attending the examination

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OVERVIEW

The CDCA-WREB-CITA offers a complete Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) examination as a pathway for EFDA Licensure in Ohio. Each individual seeking to practice as an Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary must successfully complete a board-approved examination. CDCA-WREB-CITA offers a simulated patient examination with a didactic component to satisfy EFDA Registration requirements.

APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Refer to the [EFDA Examination Overview](#) page of the ADEXtesting.org website for exam eligibility requirements. School verification or course completion certificate required.

If you are currently pursuing a dual degree (Dental Hygiene and Dental Auxiliary), notify us via [Contact Us](#) at [ADEXtesting.org](#).

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Refer to the **CDCA-WREB-CITA Candidate Guide**, available via [ADEXtesting.org](#), for information regarding exam administration policies and procedures.

AUXILIARY RESTORATIVE EXAMINATION (ARE) – CLINICAL SCHEDULE

AM	PM	SESSION
8:00 am	12:00 pm	Registration and distribution of test materials: Kilgore typodonts and Kilgore prepared teeth specifically identified as exam teeth to protect the integrity of the examination process.
8:30 am	12:30 pm	Manikin set-up approved by Clinic Floor Examiner. Complete the Progress Form to identify any pre-existing irregularities on the typodont or teeth.
9:00 am – 11:30 am	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Clinical exam: Restore three Kilgore-prepared teeth: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anterior composite (#8 ML)• Posterior amalgam (#14 MOD)• Posterior composite (#29 DO)
11:30 am	3:30 pm	Dismount typodont. Return the typodont, Progress Form, and ID badge to Check-Out Desk.
12:00 pm	4:00 pm	Three calibrated examiners independently evaluate all restored teeth.

ADMISSION

For Clinical examination admission, the candidate must provide a valid, non-expired, photo government-issued or school-issued ID, and their Candidate ID Number.

EXAMINATION CONTENT

AUXILIARY RESTORATIVE EXAMINATION (ARE) – CLINICAL SIMULATION

The 2.5-hour clinical component consists of the restoration of three pre-prepared teeth: anterior composite (#8 ML), posterior amalgam (#14 MOD), and posterior composite (#29 DO).

Scoring

A minimum of 75% must be achieved on each restoration. A rating is assigned for each criterion in every procedure by three calibrated, independent examiners. Based on the level at which a criterion is rated by at least two of the three examiners, points are awarded. If none of the three examiners' ratings agree, a median score is assigned. If two or more examiners rate a criterion as a "Critical Deficiency," zero points are awarded for that examination section.

A candidate may apply to retake a failed clinical examination during the next available examination period. Each examination, including retakes, requires the successful completion of the restoration of three teeth.

Scores will be reported to the State Board within two weeks of the examination. The CDCA-WREB-CITA examination is a distinct test that cannot be combined with other competency examinations.

Standards of Behavior and Professionalism

Failure to comply with the Standards of Behavior and Professionalism could result in immediate dismissal from the examination.

Assigned operatories: Candidates are permitted to work only in assigned operatories or laboratory spaces.

Patient management: The manikin must be maintained in a physiologically acceptable operating position. The candidate must follow infection control procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Examination Time: Treatment procedures must be limited to the posted times. Treatment procedures initiated before the established starting time, or continued after the finish time, will result in failure of the examination.

Assigned teeth: No substitute teeth will be provided after the test begins. Only one prepared tooth per procedure will be distributed, unless a manufacturer defect is identified (e.g., crown separates from root, the tooth is fractured). Teeth may not be removed and the typodont may not be dismantled without examiner permission.

No electronics are permitted in the testing area, including cell phones, iPods, tablets, and computers. Personal music devices with or without headphones are not permitted.

No outside assistance is permitted. No communication is allowed between candidates during established examination times.

AUXILIARY COMPUTER EXAMINATION (ACE) – DIDACTIC EXAMINATION

The written examination is by appointment at various PSI locations. **CDCA-WREB-CITA authorization is valid for 12 months. If the written examination has not been successfully completed in 12 months, a new application must be submitted.** There is no limit on the number of attempts.

The didactic examination is a 100-item multiple-choice test offered electronically through PSI. Candidates have 150 minutes to complete the exam. Refer to the **EFDA Didactic Candidate Information Bulletin** available on the CDCA-WREB-CITA website at ADEXtesting.org for additional information.

CONTENT OUTLINE	POINTS
Amalgam Restorations	20
Composite Restorations	20
Dental Anatomy	10
Occlusion	10
Matrices and Wedges	10
Bases and Liners	10
Rubber Dam	5
Cavity Classifications	5
Sealants	5
Crown and Bridge Provisionals	5

EXAM REFERENCES

Delmar's Dental Assisting: A Comprehensive Approach, 2007, 3rd edition, Donna J. Phinney & Judy H. Halstead, Cengage Delmar Publishing, ISBN #1418048739.

Dentistry for the Restorative Expanded Function Dental Assistant, 2006 Timothy L. Hotel & Linda S. Ruggiero, 3750 Hacks Cross Road, #102-139, Memphis, TN 38125, thottel@uthsc.edu.

Modern Dental Assisting, 2015, 11th Edition, Bird and Robinson, Elsevier

For detailed information about the content of the written examination, tips for preparation, and Sample Questions, refer to the **EFDA Didactic Candidate Information Bulletin** available on the CDCA-WREB-CITA website at ADEXtesting.org.

Scoring

PSI will provide scores immediately following the completion of the examination. A passing score is 75%. The CDCA-WREB-CITA will forward scores to the State Dental Board within two weeks of completion.

Candidates who fail must reapply for re-examination via their online candidate portal at ADEXtesting.org before receiving authorization to schedule an appointment with PSI to retake the exam. All CDCA-WREB-CITA rules for registration procedures apply.

Standards of Behavior and Professionalism at the Testing Center

1. Unprofessional conduct or improper behavior toward personnel at the testing center will result in failure and forfeiture of the examination fee.
2. Examination security: Security measures established by the testing centers must be followed. Failure to do so may result in failure of the examination series.
3. Extraneous materials: Only materials distributed or authorized by the testing centers may be brought to the exam. The use of unauthorized materials will result in failure. No textbooks or study materials are permitted at the testing center.