

# **Dental Therapy Examination**

## **2026 CANDIDATE MANUAL**

### **Pediatric Manikin & Periodontal Clinical Examinations**



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## ADDENDUM

Candidates are responsible for understanding content included in the Candidate Guide, Candidate Manuals, criteria sheets and forms regarding simulated-patient examination procedures, protocols and processes applicable to the August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 exam season. Candidates are encouraged to periodically review these publications for changes or updates.

**Any additions or modifications after initial publication will be noted below.**

- **Amalgam Restoration Procedure.** Beginning August 1, 2026, the Class II amalgam restoration procedure on Tooth #T will be a mesioclusal (MO) restoration (previously a MOD restoration).
- **Periodontal Examination.** Beginning August 1, 2026, the Periodontal Examination assignment consists of calculus detection, calculus removal and periodontal probing measurements completed within a 90-minute timeframe.



## EXAMINATION OVERVIEW

*The American Board of Dental Examiners administers the Dental Therapy Examination, which consists of computer-based and clinical exam components. All examinations are based on specific performance criteria developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners and other content experts used to measure the clinical competency of candidates.*

All components of the **Dental Therapy Examination series** must be successfully completed (passing scores) within 18 months of the initial attempt of any component in the series. In conjunction with this manual, refer to the [Candidate Guide](#) (policies) available on the [ADEXtesting.org](http://ADEXtesting.org) website for more information regarding the **18-Month Rule, 3-Time Fail Policy**, exam eligibility, registration, and other administrative policies.

- The **Dental Therapy Computer-based Examination (DT OSCE)** assesses various levels of diagnosis and treatment planning knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- The **Dental Therapy Clinical Examinations** are simulated patient exams specific to the skill sets of Dental Therapists. Examinations are performed on proprietary typodont models and teeth in a patient treatment clinic or simulation laboratory setting.

Clinical examinations are administered over several days and consist of multiple procedures, which are evaluated and reported as singular exam parts or components. Successful completion of all procedures of the respective clinical examination are required to achieve an overall passing score. Candidates are evaluated based on the performance criteria for each respective procedure (see [Criteria Sheets](#)). All procedures must be completed within the allotted timeframe for the respective examination.

**A. Pediatric Manikin Examination.** Candidates have up to six (6) hours total to complete the following procedures.

1. **Endodontic Procedure (1.5 hours):**
  - Pulpotomy Tooth #A
2. **Restoration Procedure (1.5 hours):**
  - Class II MO Amalgam Restoration Tooth #T
3. **Stainless Steel Crown (SSC) Procedures (3 hours):**
  - Stainless Steel Crown Preparation Tooth #L
  - Stainless Steel Crown Placement and Cementation Tooth #J

**B. Periodontal Examination (90 minutes):** Candidates have up to 90 minutes to complete the following procedures. (Optional component, unless required for licensure. Refer to licensing jurisdiction for testing requirements.)

1. Calculus detection (maxillary)
2. Calculus removal on assigned quadrant (mandibular)
3. Periodontal probing depth measurements (mandibular)

**C. Restorative Examinations.** All procedures must be completed within the allotted timeframe for the respective examination.

1. **Anterior Restorative Examination.** Candidates have up to three (3) hours to complete the following: Class III preparation and restoration of carious lesion on a maxillary incisor
2. **Posterior Restorative Examination.** Candidates have up to three-and-a-half (3.5) hours to complete the following: Class II preparation and restoration of carious lesion on a mandibular molar or premolar

Refer to the respective [Candidate Manual](#) for clinical examination procedures, performance expectations, guidelines, and restrictions.



## PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

### Standards Of Conduct

Integrity of the examination depends on fairness, accuracy and consistency. Established standards of conduct ensure that these principles are adhered to by examiners, candidates, and all individuals and entities involved in examination administration.

Dismissal, failure of the examination or a reduction in an examination score may result from unethical and/or unprofessional conduct (misconduct).

Candidates are required to adhere to these standards of conduct while participating in any examination administered by the American Board of Dental Examiners. Refer to the [Candidate Guide](#) for conduct and examination guidelines resulting in penalties or automatic failure of the examination and/or examination series (e.g. use of prohibited electronic devices, etc.).

### EXAMINATION PENALTIES

Penalties applicable to all exam types throughout the examination process. Refer to the [Candidate Guide](#) for additional conduct and examination guidelines resulting in penalties or automatic failure of the examination and/or examination series (e.g. use of prohibited electronic devices, etc.).

| Examination Penalty                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Failure to complete an assigned examination procedure                                                                     |
| Violation of examination standards, rules or guidelines, or time schedule                                                 |
| Treatment of teeth other than those approved or assigned by examiners                                                     |
| Gross damage to adjacent tooth structure—teeth or tissue                                                                  |
| Critical lack of clinical judgment/skill                                                                                  |
| Failure to complete treatment within the stated guidelines of the examination                                             |
| Unprofessional attitude, rude, inconsiderate/uncooperative with examiners or other personnel                              |
| Removal of the mounted typodont, arches, teeth or simulated patient during the examination without examiner authorization |
| Appearance: unprofessional, unkempt, unclean                                                                              |
| Violation of universal precautions                                                                                        |
| Inadequate isolation                                                                                                      |
| Poor simulated patient management                                                                                         |
| Improper operator and/or simulated patient position                                                                       |



## EXAM PREPARATION RESOURCES

Candidates are responsible for reading and understanding the **Candidate Manual** in conjunction with the [Candidate Guide](#) and noted materials published by the American Board of Dental Examiners and ADEX Testing Media. Candidates bear all risk of any misunderstanding resulting from the use of or reliance on unofficial information or materials.

- **Candidate Guide.** Refer to the [Candidate Guide](#) for information regarding exam eligibility, education requirements, identification requirements, candidate conduct/misconduct policies, computer-based testing accommodations, and more.
- **Candidate Manuals** (criteria, performance expectations) clinical examination review presentations, and examination forms are available [Dental Therapy Examination Overview](#) page of the [ADEXtesting.org](#) website.
  - Candidate Guide (policies)
  - Pediatric Manikin & Periodontal Exams Candidate Manual (exam content, procedures)
  - Restorative Exams Candidate Manual (exam content, procedures)
  - Computer-based Exam Candidate Manual (exam content, procedures)
- **Criteria Sheets** listing the criteria used to evaluate a candidate's performance and sample **examination forms** for candidate reference are available [Dental Therapy Examination Overview](#) page of the [ADEXtesting.org](#) website.

### Dental Therapy Pediatric Manikin Exam

- Endodontic Pulpotomy Access Opening Criteria
- Class II Amalgam Restoration Criteria
- Stainless Steel Crown Preparation Criteria
- Stainless Steel Crown Restoration Criteria
- Pediatric Candidate Worksheet

### Dental Therapy Restorative Exams

- Anterior Preparation Criteria
- Anterior Restoration Criteria
- Posterior Preparation Criteria
- Posterior Restoration Criteria
- Restorative Candidate Worksheet

### Periodontal Exam

- Periodontal Scoring Rubric
- Periodontal Candidate Worksheet

- **Site Info Sheet.** If applicable, site-specific information pertaining to the exam site host, such as school-provided supplies, rental equipment, infection control protocols, etc. can be found in the [Site Info Sheet](#) for the respective exam site host on the [ADEXtesting.org](#) website.
- **Q&A Session** affords candidates the opportunity to ask questions about exam processes or other exam-related concerns, including host site-specific protocols, in advance of their clinical examination. Registered candidates are notified of their scheduled Q&A Session date and time via email; participation is strongly encouraged. Sessions may be virtual or onsite, depending on host site preference/availability. Q&A Sessions are not recorded by the American Board of Dental Examiners.

**Questions?** Submit any exam-related questions via [Contact Us](#) prior to the exam.



## INSTRUMENTS & MATERIALS

- Candidates are **responsible for furnishing their own instruments and materials** as needed to complete the required dental examination procedures.
- Candidates must use their best clinical judgment and diagnostic skills when determining which dental instruments and armamentarium are required to perform each procedure as an instrument list is not provided.
- Only instruments, materials and techniques within the standard of patient care for the dental procedure specific to each examination part may be used. (Use of inappropriate instruments, materials, solvents or techniques is prohibited and grounds for termination of the examination.)
- Instruments must be clean and disinfected, but sterilization is not required for simulated patient (i.e. manikin) examinations. Once the examination begins, all CDC infection control guidelines must be followed.
- Some locations may have instruments available for candidate use for an additional fee. For information regarding instrument availability, hand-piece compatibility, and materials provided, refer to the respective exam host [Site Info Sheet](#) located in the [Calendar](#) section of the [ADEXtesting.org](#) website. Contact the site host directly with questions regarding school-related information listed within their [Site Info Sheet](#). Any arrangements for instrument or equipment rental should be completed well in advance of the examination to ensure availability, if applicable.
- All candidate assignments are performed on the **magnetically retained typodonts and proprietary teeth** provided by the American Board of Dental Examiners during the examination. Manikin, shroud and mounting post are also provided during the examination.
- Similar products for candidate practice in advance of the exam are available at [Acadental.com](#).
- During the exam, notify the Clinic Floor Examiner (CFE) immediately of any school equipment malfunction.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER: Contaminated Instrument Protocol

Once treatment begins, inform the CFE if an instrument becomes contaminated (e.g. dropped). In lieu of replacing the instrument, the candidate must explain the protocol followed for patient treatment, and **wipe down/disinfect** the instrument prior to use.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER: School Equipment

Notify Clinic Floor Examiner (CFE) immediately of any school equipment malfunction.



## INFECTION CONTROL GUIDELINES

Candidates are required to adhere to current **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** infection control guidelines and recommendations for all simulated patient (manikin) examinations. However, the exam site host may impose additional requirements or restrictions. Refer to the [Site Info Sheet](#) for a list of school-provided materials and equipment, PPE requirements, and plan accordingly.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).** Candidates are responsible for following basic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements for all clinical examinations as outlined by American Board of Dental Examiners.

- Mask
- Appropriate clinical attire/scrubs
- Protective eyewear, loupes or prescription eyewear with side shields
- Gloves
- Close-toed shoes

Refer to the [Candidate Guide](#) for additional information regarding infection control requirements.

### Instruments & Materials Used for Evaluation

Examiners utilize the following instruments and materials during the evaluation processes:

- Perio probe with millimeter markings (e.g. UNC-15)
- 11/12 explorer (Periodontal exam)
- Endodontic explorer (Endodontic exam)
- Sharp explorer (e.g. shepherd's hook) (Restorative exam)
- Dental floss, articulating paper (Restorative exam)
- Putty matrices/reduction guides (Prosthodontic exam)

### Prohibited Items

Presence of the following prohibited items will result in confiscation of materials, as well as dismissal from and failure of the examination.

- Non-dental instruments
- Digital scanner
- Electronic devices (e.g. phone, smart watch, camera, etc.)
- Pre-made reduction guides/putty matrices and/or impressions
- Pre-made overlays, clear plastic shells, models
- Extra and/or pre-prepared typodont teeth
- Screwdrivers
- Solvents
- Non-official reference materials
- Dental assistants are not permitted during any aspect of the examinations.

Refer to the [Candidate Guide](#) for additional information and violations applicable to all exam types.

### Dental Technologies

The American Board of Dental Examiners recognizes the ongoing development of technologies that enhance the quality and efficiency of patient care. However, as a testing agency, the American Board of Dental Examiners reserves the right to restrict the use of such technologies during the examination until these innovations are established as the standard of care and available to all candidates at all testing locations.



## EXAM DAY CHECK-IN

### Identification Requirements for Admission

The following items are required for admission to the clinical examination. Refer to the [Candidate Guide](#) for **identification requirements** and **“No Show” Policy**.

- **PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.** A physical form of a valid U.S. government-issued or school-issued photo ID. Acceptable forms of non-expired photo identification include such documents as a current, valid non-expired driver license, passport, military ID, or official school ID. (Digital IDs are not valid for this exam.)
- **Recent Name Change.** If your legal name has recently changed, bring a copy of the supporting name change document (e.g. marriage certificate, dissolution decree or court document) to the clinical examination.

### Candidate ID Number, Badges & Labels

**CANDIDATE ID NUMBER.** Note that your Candidate ID Number will be used on all badges, labels and forms to maintain your anonymity during the examination; and in conjunction with your name on all post-exam results reports.

**ID BADGES.** Upon identity verification, candidates receive a sheet of candidate labels, including two (2) Candidate Photo Badge labels. Photo badge label must be visible on your outermost garment throughout the examination.

**LABELS.** Candidates are responsible for ensuring that all examination forms, cubicle cards, typodont arches and segments are appropriately labeled with their Candidate ID Label/QR Code.

## EXAMINATION TEAM MEMBERS

- **Chief Examiner** - oversees exam administration in both Candidate and Grading Examiner clinics/areas
- **Clinic Floor Examiner (CFE)** - oversees Candidate functions
- **Grading Team Captain/Grading Examiners** - evaluate Candidate performance according to published criteria; no candidate interactions
- **Exam Technical Administrator (ETA)** - provides exam administration support in both Candidate and Grading Examiner clinics/areas



## PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS – PEDIATRIC MANIKIN EXAM

Candidate performance is evaluated according to the criteria defined in the [Criteria Sheet](#) for the respective procedure.

| Skills Assessment                 | Pediatric Exam Content                     | Criteria |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Endodontic Procedure              | ○ Pulpotomy Tooth #A                       | 7        |
| Restoration Procedure             | ○ Class II MO Amalgam Restoration Tooth #T | 8        |
| Stainless Steel Crowns Procedures | ○ Preparation Tooth #L                     | 13       |
|                                   | ○ Placement and Cementation Tooth #J       | 8        |

Exam content is based on the “Universal Numbering System” of dental notation.

## SCORING OVERVIEW

The criteria gradations of competence are described across a 3-level rating scale. Those criteria appear on the respective [Criteria Sheet](#) and are the basis for the evaluation. Each component or skill set is evaluated and graded separately. A candidate must demonstrate competence in each skill set evaluated. The three rating levels are as follows:

- **ACC (Clinically Acceptable):** The treatment is of acceptable quality, demonstrating competence in clinical judgment, knowledge, and skill.
- **SUB (Marginally Substandard):** The treatment is of marginal quality, demonstrating less than expected clinical judgment.
- **DEF (Critically Deficient):** The treatment is of unacceptable quality, demonstrating critical areas of incompetence in clinical judgment, knowledge, and/or skill.

**Performance Evaluation.** Examination results are based on independent evaluations conducted by three (3) calibrated examiners according to the published criteria for the applicable procedure. Each confidential evaluation is recorded and submitted electronically. Any **critical deficiency or penalty** that leads to a failure must be independently corroborated by two or more examiners, then reviewed by an experienced grading captain prior to release.

**Result Details.** A score of 75 or greater is required to pass each part of the examination; however, results are reported as Pass/Fail to Candidates and licensing jurisdictions for each part. Applicable criteria are provided to candidates of failed clinical attempts. Post-exam images, details or explanation beyond the stated criteria are not reported to the Candidate.

**Unsuccessful Procedure & Retake Attempt.** An unsuccessful attempt of any exam component will require a re-attempt of that same component. Meaning a candidate who was unsuccessful (failing score) in a procedure or exam component will only be required to re-attempt that same component. Candidates are permitted up to three unsuccessful consecutive attempts of a component before additional requirements must be met. Refer to the [Candidate Guide](#) regarding the **3-Time Fail policy**, retake eligibility, registration and remediation requirements, and other administrative policies.

**Retake Exception.** Both **stainless steel crown procedures** must be successfully completed (passing score) to achieve an overall passing score of that exam component. Failure of one procedure of this exam component requires a re-attempt of both preparation and restoration procedures.

**10-Day Clinical Retake Waiting Period.** A minimum 10-day waiting period is required between the date of failure and re-attempt of any part of the American Board of Dental Examiners examination.



## PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS – PERIODONTAL EXAM

Candidate performance is evaluated according to the criteria defined in the **Scoring Rubric** and **Treatment Management** sections for each procedure category.

| Skills Assessment                      | Exam Content                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Points Possible |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Calculus Detection</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 assigned maxillary teeth</li> <li>• 4 surfaces per tooth (M, D, F, L)</li> <li>• 16 surfaces evaluated for presence or absence of subgingival calculus (1 point each)</li> </ul>                                                                        | 16              |
| <b>Calculus Removal</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One mandibular quadrant assigned</li> <li>• 12 assigned key surfaces evaluated for calculus removal (5.5 points each)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                          | 66              |
| <b>Complete Calculus Removal</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of calculus removal on all remaining non-key surfaces within assigned mandibular quadrant. Calculus remaining: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 surface (-3 points)</li> <li>▪ 2 or more surfaces (-6 points)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | 6               |
| <b>Periodontal Probing Measurement</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 assigned teeth (1 anterior; 1 posterior)</li> <li>• 6 measurements per tooth (DF, F, MF, DL, L, ML)</li> <li>• 12 measurements evaluated (1 point each)</li> </ul>                                                                                      | 12              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>100</b>      |

**Exam content is based on the “Universal Numbering System” of dental notation.**

**Note:** Periodontal probing measurement grading allows for  $\pm 1$  mm leeway.

**Additional Point Deductions.** Tissue management or other penalty points are deducted from total points accrued.

**Performance Evaluation.** Examination results are based on independent evaluations conducted by three (3) calibrated examiners according to the published criteria for the applicable procedure. Each confidential evaluation is recorded and submitted electronically. Any **critical deficiency or penalty** that leads to a failure must be independently corroborated by two or more examiners, then reviewed by an experienced grading captain prior to release.

**Result Details.** A score of 75 or greater is required to pass each part of the examination; however, results are reported as Pass/Fail to licensing jurisdictions for each part. Failed attempts are reported to Candidates as a numerical value based on the Scoring Rubric. Post-exam images, details or explanation beyond the stated criteria are not reported to the Candidate.

**10-Day Clinical Retake Waiting Period.** A minimum 10-day waiting period is required between the date of failure and re-attempt of any part of the American Board of Dental Examiners examination.



## Periodontal Treatment Management

Candidates must effectively complete periodontal treatment without causing unwarranted hard or soft tissue damage to the simulated dentition and gingiva. Penalty points will be assessed for each area of tissue damage according to the following criteria, and subtracted from the total points accrued during the grading process.

### SOFT Tissue Damage

#### Penalty Point assessment criteria:

- One point deducted for each site of minor soft tissue damage, up to three (3) sites.
- The presence of four (4) or more **minor** soft tissue damage sites, or one **major** soft tissue damage site results in automatic failure [critical error].
- **Minor Soft Tissue Damage.** Slight soft tissue trauma that is inconsistent with the procedure, including:
  - A laceration/abrasion that is  $\leq 3$  mm;
  - A laceration or injury that would not result in the need for suturing, periodontal packing, or further follow-up treatment.
- **Major Soft Tissue Damage.**
  - A laceration/abrasion that is  $> 3$  mm and that would require sutures, periodontal packing, or further follow-up treatment.
  - A laceration/injury that would result in exposure of alveolar bone, flap, or amputation of papilla.
  - An unreported broken instrument tip in the sulcus or soft tissue.

### HARD Tissue Damage

#### Penalty Point assessment criteria:

- One point deducted for each site of minor hard tissue damage, up to three (3) sites.
- The presence of four (4) or more **minor** hard tissue damage sites, or one **major** hard tissue damage site results in automatic failure [critical error].
- **Minor Hard Tissue Damage.** Slight hard tissue damage that is inconsistent with the procedure or pre-existing condition; may include all hard tissue surfaces that would not require additional definitive treatment.
- **Major Hard Tissue Damage.** Major damage to the hard tissue that is inconsistent with the procedure or a pre-existing condition; may include all hard tissue surfaces that would require additional definitive treatment (e.g. a restoration).



## EXAM DAY ADMINISTRATION

### Examination Timeline

Candidates are notified via email once their individual **examination schedule and Q&A Session** information are available in their [Candidates.ADEXtesting.org](https://Candidates.ADEXtesting.org) profile approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the clinical exam.

The examination timeline below is for **example only**; actual schedules may vary by candidate procedure. Candidates perform the Endodontic procedures first, then the remainder of Pediatric procedures in any order they choose. All Pediatric procedures must be completed before beginning the Periodontal procedure.

| Start Time | Stop/Finish Time | Session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6:30 AM    | 8:00 AM          | Clinic Entrance, Initiate Workstation Setup                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7:15 AM    | 7:30 AM          | <b>Candidate Check-in:</b> Candidate ID Verification, Materials Distribution                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7:30 AM    | 8:00 AM          | <b>Workstation Setup</b><br>(fabricate putty matrices; mount manikin, typodont, shroud)                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 8:30 AM    | 2:30 PM          | <b>Exam Check-in</b><br><b>Pediatric Exam (6-hour total):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endodontic Pulpotomy procedure (1.5 hours)</li> <li>• Amalgam Restoration procedure (1.5 hours)</li> <li>• Stainless Steel Crown procedures (3 hours)</li> </ul> <b>Exam Check-out</b> |
| 3:00 PM    | 4:30 PM          | <b>Exam Check-in</b><br><b>Periodontal Exam (90 minutes):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculus Detection</li> <li>• Calculus Removal</li> <li>• Periodontal Probing</li> </ul> <b>Exam Check-out</b>                                                                         |
| 4:30 PM    | 5:00 PM          | <b>Exam Check-out - Begins</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**NOTE:** Treatment may begin only after the Chief Examiner or Clinic Floor Examiner announces the start of examination.

**<sup>1</sup>BREAKS.** Breaks are permitted between exam component and taken at the discretion of the Candidate. Candidate must check-out/check-in with the CFE required prior to and upon return from any discretionary break. Time adjustments or extensions are not permitted for discretionary breaks taken during treatment timelines. Candidates should plan and manage their time accordingly.

**<sup>2</sup>Start Time dictates Stop/Finish Time.** Clinic Floor Examiner (CFE) will record assigned Finish Times on the **Candidate Worksheet**.

**TIME MANAGEMENT.** All procedures of an exam component must be completed within the time allotted for that individual exam component (e.g. The Endodontic procedure must be completed within the 1.5-hour time allotment). However, all exam procedures must be completed within the allotted 7-hour timeframe for the Pediatric Manikin and Periodontal Examination.

Manage your time appropriately within the allotted timeframe for each procedure and the overall exam to ensure timely completion and avoid penalty. Refer to the [Candidate Guide](#) for additional information and violations applicable to all exam types.



## PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

The manikin must be mounted and maintained in a physiologically acceptable operating position while performing all procedures. The facial shroud must be maintained in the same position as the normal facial tissue.

### A. Pediatric Manikin Examination procedures:

- **Exam Check-in Process.** Candidate must check-in with Clinic Floor Examiner (CFE) for confirmation of rubber dam placement and authorization of typodont mounting. Treatment may begin only after check-in is complete.
- **Endodontic (Pulpotomy) procedure:**
  - Rubber dam isolation is required when performing the pulpotomy procedure. A violation of examination standards penalty and termination of the procedure if a rubber dam is not used.
- **Amalgam Restoration procedure:**
  - Rubber dam isolation is not required for this procedure.
- **Stainless Steel Crown procedures:**
  - Candidates must fabricate their putty matrices/reduction guides *before* mounting the typodont.
  - Pre-made reduction guides, pre-made stents, pre-made impressions, overlays, clear plastic shells, models, or pre-preparations are strictly prohibited and grounds for dismissal.
- **Exam Check-out Process.** Once all Pediatric procedures are complete, request a CFE to begin the check-out process for the Pediatric Manikin Examination.

### B. Periodontal Examination procedure:

- **Exam Check-in Process.** Candidate must check-in with Clinic Floor Examiner (CFE) for confirmation of periodontal arch placement and authorization of typodont mounting. Treatment may begin only after check-in is complete.
- You may choose to start the Periodontal Exam earlier than the scheduled start time. If you opt to start early, the CFE will record your assigned finish time for the periodontal procedure on your **Candidate Worksheet**, which will be 90 minutes from the time you start the Periodontal Exam.
- CFE will remove both Pediatric maxillary and mandibular arches and replace with a maxillary arch and the Periodontal mandibular arch in the articulated carrier trays. Both maxillary and mandibular arches must remain in place during treatment. Periodontal treatment may begin after check-in is complete.
- Candidates must stop working at their assigned finish time.
- **Exam Check-out Process.** Once periodontal treatment is complete, request a CFE to begin the check-out process for the Periodontal exam.

**Assigned Procedures/Wrong Tooth.** Only assigned treatment and/or procedures may be performed. Stop working and immediately notify a CFE if a procedure was started on the wrong tooth.

Refer to the respective [Criteria Sheet](#) for **evaluation criteria** for each exam procedure.



## EXAM DAY OVERVIEW

### Pediatric Manikin Examination & Periodontal Examination

Treatment may not be initiated before the established starting time and must be completed within the allotted time for each procedure.

### Clinic Entrance & Workstation Set-up

At 6:30 AM, Candidates may enter the clinic and begin cubicle/workstation setup

1. Identify cubicle/workstation. Cubicle/workstation assignments are posted in a prominent location in the designated clinic or simulation lab.
2. Setup instruments and materials

### Exam Set-up Period

At 7:15 AM, CFE begins Check-in procedures: Candidate identification verification; distribution of exam materials (Candidate ID Labels, Cubicle Card, exam forms) and typodont

1. Place Candidate ID Badge Label on outermost clinical garment. ID Badge label must remain visible throughout the examination
2. Place Candidate ID Labels on all applicable forms:
  - a. Candidate Worksheets
  - b. Cubicle Card (record cubicle number); Cubicle Card must be prominently displayed to identify your location
  - c. Typodont Box
3. Fabricate putty matrices/reduction guides (infection control guidelines not applicable to set-up period) for the SSC preparation *before* mounting typodont.
4. During set-up, Clinic Floor Examiner (CFE) performs the following:
  - Monitors manikin set-up (proper mounting, shroud placement for treatment, anatomical positioning)
  - Inspects materials and replaces any defective materials
  - Notates appropriate manikin setup on **Candidate Worksheet**
  - Notates fabrication of putty matrices/reduction guide(s) on **Candidate Worksheet**

### Exam Start

At 8:30 AM, Chief Examiner or Clinic Floor Examiner (CFE) announces start of Endodontic examination.

- Alteration of the manikin setup or removal of the typodont without a CFE present after the exam begins is a violation of examination protocol and grounds for dismissal.
- Protective eyewear not required for manikin procedures.
- Endodontic procedure is completed first; remaining Pediatric procedures may be completed in any order. All Pediatric procedures must be completed before beginning the Periodontal procedure.



## Exam Completion & Check-out

At 4:00 PM, all candidates must stop working immediately and step away from their manikins.

1. Candidates request CFE authorization to dismount typodont (further alterations of teeth are prohibited)
2. Once dismounted, Candidates should use the time between completion of treatment (4:00 PM) and check-out (4:15 PM) to clean (soap, water, brush/cotton) and dry (towels, air syringe) the typodont before turning it in.
3. Candidates *must* be in line for Check-out line no later than 4:15 PM to turn in all required materials.
4. Candidates are required to present the following items at the check-out station:
  - **Candidate Worksheets**, examination forms
  - Any putty matrices, models, impressions, or reduction guides fabricated during examination
  - Sheet of Candidate ID Labels
  - Typodont and typodont box
5. At Check-out station, the CFE will collect all required materials and complete the following:
  - Affixes Candidate ID Label to tan-colored tag and typodont.
  - Attaches wing nut and bolt to prevent damage during shipment.
  - Places typodont, **Candidate Worksheet** and putty matrices in typodont box.
6. Candidates clean their assigned cubicle/workstation, then exit clinic with their belongings.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER: Time Management

Candidates are responsible for managing and monitoring their time appropriately to ensure timely arrival and completion of each procedure within the allotted timeframe and the overall exam timeframe.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER: School Equipment

Notify Clinic Floor Examiner (CFE) immediately of any school equipment malfunction.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER: Contaminated Instrument Protocol

Once treatment begins, inform the CFE if an instrument becomes contaminated (e.g. dropped). In lieu of replacing the instrument, the candidate must explain the protocol followed for patient treatment, and **wipe down/disinfect** the instrument prior to use.