

Southwestern College Dental Hygiene Program



Examinations for Licensing

Pass Rates

Currently, SWC dental hygiene graduates are highly successful in passing the National Board Dental Hygiene examination as well as clinical board exams. Results of the past five years are included in the PDF link below:

[**CHARTS on Board Exam Pass Rates**](#)

National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE)

In the final semester of the two-year program students apply and take the national board exam. Passing this exam is required to apply for a state license to practice. The link below will take you the testing website for more information.

[**Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations**](#)

Clinical Board Examination / Licensing

Graduates may apply for either the Western Regional Clinical examination or another regional board exam. The following links will provide more information on testing and licensing:

[**Dental Hygiene Committee of California \(DHCC\)**](#)

[**Western Regional Examination Board \(WREB\)**](#)

[**Central Regional Dental Testing Services \(CRDTS\)**](#)

Law and Ethics Exam

California requires passing of an online exam. For more information click on the above link for DHCC.

NOTICE: *A California license to practice dental hygiene requires reporting of any criminal offenses/convictions at the time of application. Eligibility for licensure is determined by the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC). Licensing may be delayed as a result of the decision by DHCC.*