

NEVADA STATE BOARD
of
DENTAL EXAMINERS



BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022

6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT BOOK

Public Comment:

Patti Sanford, RDH, MA

July 8, 2022

To: Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners

From: Patti Sanford, RDH, MA – DH Professor, TMCC

Re: Agenda item 6b, CDCA-WREB Compodont/Manikin Exam for Restorative and Periodontal Section for Dental and Hygiene Exams

I am providing written testimony in support of allowing the CDCA-WREB manikin examination for dental hygiene licensure in the state of Nevada. I will be out of town and unable to attend the meeting in person on July 12.

I have been a professor and clinical education coordinator for the dental hygiene program at Truckee Meadows Community College for the past 18 years. In my position, I am the faculty member who is ultimately responsible for creating curriculum and preparing the students for the clinical board examinations and licensure.

I am in support of the dental hygiene manikin examination for the following reasons:

1. It is a clinical examination that is much more standardized than a live patient examination.
2. Over the past several years, I have noticed that it has become much more difficult for the students to find appropriate and reliable patients for this examination. As a result, the difficulty level of these patients varies greatly. This makes a live patient exam much less standardized. These patients rarely have their DH treatment completed at the completion of this exam. While we work diligently to get the patients to return to our clinic for completion of treatment, this has proved to be very difficult.
3. Most of the states in the country are accepting the manikin examination for licensure. Nevada is only one of approximately three-five states that are still requiring a live patient examination for licensure. Please see this website for more information on this. www.cdcaexams.org/adex-acceptance-map
4. The CDCA-WREB manikin exam will be administered in conjunction with a written OSCE (multiple choice examination) that includes dental hygiene components that are essential for safe practice, while testing a candidate's knowledge about dental hygiene care. The OSCE is a comprehensive overview of dental hygiene knowledge, radiographic interpretation, AAP staging and grading, extra and intra oral assessment, risk factors, care plan development, and assessment and treatment of the periodontium.

I am in favor of Nevada providing an **option** of either a live patient examination or a manikin examination for licensure in this state.

Thank you and should you want to contact me for further information or clarification:

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Public Comment:

Lori McDonald, RDH, MA



Truckee Meadows Community College

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
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Henderson, NV 89014

July 8, 2022

Dear Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners Members,

RE: CDCA-WREB Compodont/Manikin Exam for Restorative and Periodontal Section for Dental and Hygiene Exams – NRS 631.190

I write in support of the proposed changes to NRS 631.190. Currently Nevada is one of four states remaining that require the patient-based exam for licensure. The proposed change will afford greater opportunity for dental hygiene professionals who are moving to our area to apply for licensure in Nevada and help fill our workforce need. As the director of the Truckee Meadows Community College Dental Hygiene Program, I receive multiple emails daily from dentists in the northern Nevada area with a need for one or more registered dental hygienists. Accepting both the patient-based and manikin exam for the clinical licensing for dental hygienists, will help to remove the barrier connected to this large problem we are facing.

I have seen the past several years the increased amount of stress on the students and faculty of not finding qualified patients to sit for the four-hour exam. The workforce demand has increased in Nevada and the possibility of a graduate from our program not being able to find a qualified patient means they lose the ability to sit for the exam and apply for licensure in a timely manner.

Approving the manikin exam for licensure will increase the validity and reliability of the examination and achieve portability of dental licensure among all licensing jurisdictions in the US for the benefit of the public and the profession.

Regards,

Lori McDonald

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TMCC DH Program Director



Public Comment:

Kerry Kuster, RDH, MS



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July 9, 2022

Dear Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners Members,

RE: CDCA-WREB Compodont/Manikin Exam for Restorative and Periodontal Section for Dental and Hygiene Exams – NRS 631.190

I write in support of the proposed changes to NRS 631.190. Manikin exams allow for a standardization of the dental hygiene examination, and this has been requested by the dental hygiene community for many years. The Manikin exam guarantees that each “patient” is present and qualifies. As a full-time instructor at the Truckee Meadows Community College Dental Hygiene Program, I have witnessed firsthand the stress on the students and faculty trying to find qualified patients to sit for the four-hour exam. In the last few years, obtaining patients for this exam has been the most difficult I have ever seen.

Currently, Nevada is one of four states remaining that require the patient-based exam for licensure. The proposed change will afford greater opportunity for dental hygiene professionals who are moving to our area to apply for licensure in Nevada and help fill our workforce need. Approving the manikin exam for licensure will increase the validity and reliability of the examination and achieve portability of dental licensure among all licensing jurisdictions in the US for the benefit of the public and the profession.

Thank you for your time regarding this important matter,

Kerry Kuster, RDH, MS
TMCC DH Instructor



Public Comment:

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In the last 5 years, I have seen an increased amount of stress on students and faculty when students struggle to find qualified patients to sit for the patient-based exam. The workforce demand has increased in Nevada and the possibility of a graduate from our program not being able to find a qualified patient means they lose the ability to sit for the exam and apply for licensure in a timely manner.

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Regards,

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