

Alabama Dental Hygiene Program

Program Information

The 2021-2022 ADHP academic sessions will be conducted virtually via LIVE ZOOM classes. ALL sessions are mandatory. Failure to attend any academic session automatically terminates training status.

ORIENTATION will be held on Friday, July 9, 2021 from 3-5:00 pm.

Classes begin on Saturday, **July 10, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.**

ADHP students are required to have all textbooks, instruments, materials, and supplies on hand prior to Orientation!

Materials: The following materials are mandatory for participation in the ADHP

- **ADHP Manual (Lecture notes)** – This manual will be constructed by the student during the year and will consist of lecture outline, power points/slides, monthly grade report letters, monthly homework assignments and other needed materials.

The student is required to download and/or print the lecture material BEFORE attending each session. The material will be available a few days prior to class via [Dropbox](#) (link will be provided prior to the first session). Students should provide personal note taking resources. The required textbooks, used in conjunction with the manual, will provide an excellent study resource. It is recommended to keep all assignments, paperwork, and instructional materials in a three inch, three ring binder.

- **ADHP training video** – This video provides a baseline of information for the clinical instructor to evaluate student readiness prior to providing patient care. Students will be tested on the material covered on the training video. The 5 part video segments are available for viewing on our website at www.dentalboard.org

DENTOFORM AND INSTRUMENTS MUST BE FROM THE LIST BELOW AND MUST BE NEW TO THE INCOMING STUDENT. DO NOT BORROW! All students will be required to submit a receipt of purchase for books, dentoform, and required instruments.

• **Dentoform** - A Dentoform, or Typodont, provides a model of subgingival calculus distribution and periodontal defects. The dentoform provides a method to practice instrument placement and develop techniques.

Each student must have the required *dentoform, *instruments and eye protection with them during the Instrumentation lecture, (August) for classroom participation. (*Sold at Oak Mtn. Books)

Borrowed or used typodonts and instruments are not acceptable.

• **Instrument Packet** - The packet contains the instruments listed below. To ensure that all students have the correct and identical instruments for this program the Board **has made purchase mandatory.**

Instruments:

- a) Unscratched, un-tinted front-surface, non-disposable mouth mirror; w/handle
- b) ODU #11/12 Explorer, AND
- c) XP23/06 Michigan O Expro with Williams markings
- d) Scaler: (double end) Nos. U-15/30
- e) Curette: (double end) Columbia Nos. 13/14

- f) Curette: (double end) Gracey Nos. 1/2
- g) Curette: (double end) Gracey Nos. 3/4
- h) Curette: (double end) Gracey Nos. 11/12
- i) Curette: (double end) Gracey Nos. P7/P8

Each ADHP student is required to own a complete set of current edition textbooks. You should purchase them in advance from:

Oak Mountain Books, LLC, 1 Buckton Rd., Birmingham, AL 35242. Phone number 205-995-5580. Email: brent@oakmountainbooks.com

Confirm the ADHP required textbook list with Oak Mountain Books at the time of purchase. They will have a listing of textbooks, current price, and correct editions available for the current year's Program.

Textbooks:

Fehrenbach: Illustrated Anatomy of the Head and Neck (6th edition)

Dofka: Dental Terminology (Delmar) (3rd edition)

Wilkins: Clinical Practice of Dental Hygienist (13th edition)

Wilkins: Active Learning Workbook for Clinical Practice of the Registered Dental Hygienist (13th edition)

Nield-Gehrig: Foundations of Periodontics for the Dental Hygienist Enhanced (5th edition)

Nield-Gehrig: Fundamentals of Periodontal Instrumentation and Advanced Root Instrumentation Enhanced (8th edition)

Iannucci: Dental Radiography (5th edition)

Ibsen: Oral Pathology for the Dental Hygienist (7th edition)

TEACHING METHODS:

Approximately eight hours daily will be devoted to lectures, tapes and projected slides with laboratory work along with other appropriate study methods.

Alert: Attendance is expected at ALL lectures. Absences and lack of attention will be reported to the Board of Examiners. **Absence from any academic session is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Program.** Medical documentation must be provided to the Board for consideration of any excused absence. Students should expect to be present from 8 am to 5:30 p.m. for every day of the course. **Students are expected to conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly professional manner, being thoughtful of others. Any students experiencing technical difficulties or any other issues must notify Ms. Latham.**

More information about required classroom procedures and professional demeanor and dress is available in Classroom Protocol for ADHP.

EXAMINATIONS:

Written examinations on material presented during the lectures will be given at the beginning of the following month's academic session. **Examination papers will not be returned or reviewed, nor will any questions or answers be discussed with dentist-instructor or student.** The grades of the examinations will be distributed as soon as possible. Exam scores and program information will be emailed to the Dentist-Instructor and student to the email addresses provided by both. **Do NOT call the board office for grades. Please do not ask**

the lecturers or staff for grades. "Make up" examinations can be given only upon application to and permission from the State Board of Dental Examiners, **and must be taken within two weeks of the missed exam.** Contact the Board Office at (205) 985-7267 or fax (205) 823-9006, or email Ms. Latham (gina@dentalboard.org) to leave notification of absence due to an emergency. **Honesty is a prime quality in professional endeavors and each student is expected to meet the standard of absolute honesty. Cheating will result in immediate dismissal from the program!** Only pencils should be carried into the examination rooms during examinations when conducted in person. (Bring several sharpened pencils when applicable.) **No Cell phones allowed during exams and all "smart watches/devices" must be removed prior to testing.**

Grade Criteria:

1) A student hygienist must have a grade point average of 75% to successfully complete the program.

A minimum of 75% is required to pass the Alabama Dental Hygiene Licensure Examination, given by CITA. The fee for this exam is NOT included in the ADHP academic fee. The fee for the Dental Hygiene Licensure Exam will be due according to the CITA application requirements, with the successful completion of the ADHP. A complete application and fee must be received as directed by CITA, prior to the licensure exam which usually occurs in June. Applications received after the referenced deadline and/or applications that are incomplete will not be accepted.

2) Performance Checks, located in Fundamentals of Periodontal Instrumentation and Advanced Root Instrumentation, ^{8th} Edition– Nield -Gehrig, are used to document clinical instruction and shall be completed under **direct supervision** of the dentist-instructor. The dentist-instructor must sign ALL performance checks. The performance checks are designed with the intent that they complement the academic sessions and assess the clinical progress. All performance checks must be completed, signed, and submitted with homework assignments. Utilization of the Dentist-Instructor Manual and the ADHP Training Video will assist encouraging instruction to progress with one segment building on the next more difficult procedure. The dentist instructor is responsible for allowing clinical instruction to proceed in a gradual process while allowing the student hygienist ample exposure to all aspects of dental hygiene.

The completion of each performance check is entirely dependent on the attainment of competency by the student hygienist. The dentist-instructors signature indicates that the student has received adequate instruction and competency. No credit will be given for performance checks received after the due date. Performance checks without the dentist-instructor's signature will be considered incomplete and invalid and no credit will be given.

3) **A clinical evaluation consisting of completion of prophylaxis comprehensive exam and radiographs will be assigned.**

4) A candidate must complete a minimum of 150 prophylactic procedures of permanent and/or mixed dentition.

Protocol for a Student's Changing Their ADHP Dentist/Instructor

ADHP students are allowed one transfer of their training permit to a new dentist/instructor per course year, if given prior approval by the Board of Dental

Examiners. Transfers are strongly discouraged, and will be allowed only in rare and compelling circumstances. ANY TRANSFER WITHOUT PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL IS NULL AND VOID AND CAN RESULT IN THE STUDENT'S BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE PROGRAM.

The Board has full discretion whether to grant a transfer, and has authorized the ADHP Coordinator and ADHP Director to determine whether to grant a request, or to ask for a Board determination on the request. The procedure is as follows:

1. The student requesting the transfer must submit the request in writing to the ADHP Coordinator.
2. The student must include written permission from the original sponsoring dentist/instructor and approval from the new, Certified sponsoring dentist/instructor.
3. The student applying for a transfer must return their temporary hygiene permit with their request and wait for a new one to be issued to them. The student hygienist cannot perform any hygiene duties for the new dentist/instructor until the student has a new temporary permit with the new dentist/instructor's name on it in hand.
4. Criteria that will be considered include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Whether the student is in good academic standing; and
 - b. Whether the student continues to meet the original admission requirements of the ADHP, which include consideration of arrests, convictions, etc. occurring after the date of admission to the program.

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