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**PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**REVISED PROGRAM OF THE DENTAL HYGIENISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION IN NCR  
ON MAY 30, 2024 (WRITTEN) AND MAY 31, 2024 (PRACTICAL)**

**DATE AND TIME**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024**

**SUBJECTS**

**7:00 AM – 7:45 AM**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND FILLING OUT OF FORMS**

**THEORETICAL EXAMS – 40%**

**8:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

**I. BASIC MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCIENCES (Cluster I) – 10%**

**A. GENERAL AND ORAL ANATOMY – 4%**

**General Anatomy II** - The study of the head and neck with anatomical details on the skull, face, oral cavity and other maxillofacial structures.

**Oral Anatomy** – The study of the morphology of deciduous and permanent dentition, the macroscopic or gross structure of the human teeth, their contact with each other in the dental arches, alignment, occlusion including growth and development of the skull and jaws.

**B. GENERAL AND ORAL PHYSIOLOGY – 3%**

**General Physiology** – It deals with the integration of the different cells and organs into a functional human body with emphasis given to the practical application to dentistry.

**Oral Physiology** – The physiology of the stomatognathic system and occlusion and its application to dental practice.

**C. GENERAL and ORAL PATHOLOGY – 3%**

**General Pathology** – The study of the origin and the basic reaction of cells or tissues to abnormal stimuli underlying all diseases with emphasis on the pathologic processes of the oral cavity.

**Oral Pathology** – It deals with the gross and microscopic abnormalities as well as the clinical manifestations of oral diseases.

**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**II. CLINICAL DENTAL SUBJECTS I (Cluster II) – 15%**

**A. ORAL DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT PLANNING – 4%**

The familiarization of the principles and procedures on how dentists make a diagnosis and treatment planning.

**B. ANESTHESIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY – 3 %**

**Anesthesiology** – The understanding of the principles and techniques of regional anesthesia in dental practice and the study of the pharmacology of different local anesthetics used by dentists. It also includes topics regarding general anesthesia and conscious sedation.

**Pharmacology** – It deals with mechanism of drug action on living tissue that is used in prevention and treatment of diseases as prescribed by dentists.

**C. ROENTGENOLOGY – 3%**

The study of the different types of radiographic apparatus, their operations, application and maintenance. It also includes the processing, mounting, reading and interpretation of the radiographs.



**D. DENTAL JURISPRUDENCE AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT – 3%**

**Dental Jurisprudence** – The relation of law and ethics to dental practice.

**Practice Management** – The practice of dentistry in relation to the social, economic and cultural conditions of the community.

**E. DENTAL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, BASIC COMPUTER/ DIGITAL DENTISTRY– 2%**

The study of the basic principles of computer science and its application in the practice of the dental profession.

**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**III. CLINICAL DENTAL SUBJECTS II (Cluster III) 15%**

**A. PERIODONTOLOGY – 7%**

The study of the normal and abnormal periodontium, together with the etiology, pathology and dentist's management of periodontal diseases.

**B. PEDIATRIC AND ORTHODONTIC DENTISTRY – 3%**

**Pediatric Dentistry** – The understanding of the principles and techniques in the dentist's management of the child with dental problems including treatment of injuries and interceptive orthodontics.

**Orthodontic Dentistry** – The study of growth and development of both normal and abnormal craniofacial structures and their relation to the stomatognathic system. It also includes understanding of the dentist's approach in the prevention, interception and treatment of malocclusion.

**C. OTHER CLINICAL DENTISTRY SUBJECTS – 5%**

**1. RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY & PROSTHODONTICS**

**Restorative Dentistry** - The familiarization of the principles of cavity preparation and mastering the manipulation of filling materials necessary for the dentist in restoring carious teeth.

**Prosthodontics** - The familiarization of the various fixed, removable partial or complete denture prosthesis and prosthetic implant restorations considering the biologic requirements for the normal functions and aesthetics.

**2. ENDODONTICS**

The understanding of the dentist's approach in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the dental pulp and periradicular tissues.

**3. ORAL SURGERY I**

The understanding of the general principles of surgery and its application in dentistry.

**FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024**

**PRACTICAL EXAMS – 60%**

**8:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**EXERCISES**

- I. MOUTH EXAMINATION, SOFT TISSUE EVALUATION, PROBING AND POCKET RECORDING – 10%
- II. SCALING AND POLISHING – 50%



## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Check or verify your school/building assignments at the PRC official website ([www.prc.gov.ph](http://www.prc.gov.ph)) or through the Notices/Announcements to be posted at the PRC premises two (2) to three (3) working days before the date of examination.
2. Report to the school/building assignment before 5:30 a.m on the first day of examination to verify your room and seat number. Be punctual. Late examinees will not be admitted.
3. **Examinees are required to wear their school uniform per Res. 311 dated MAY 18, 1994.**
4. Bring the following on the days of the examination
  - a. Notice of Admission
  - b. Official Receipt
  - c. Two or more pencils (No. 2)
  - d. Ball pens with **BLACK ink only**
  - e. One (1) piece long brown envelope
  - f. One (1) piece long transparent/plastic envelope (for keeping your valuables and other allowed items)
5. The following are **PROHIBITED** inside the examination premises/rooms.
  - a. Books, notes, review materials, and other printed materials containing coded data/information/formula.
  - b. ALL KINDS OF CALCULATORS.
  - c. **APPLE, SAMSUNG AND OTHER SMART WATCHES, CELLULAR PHONES, EAR PLUGS, TRANSMITTERS, PORTABLE COMPUTERS, BLUETOOTH AND OTHER ELECTRONIC GADGETS/ DEVICES WHICH MAY BE USED TO RETRIEVE DATA/INFORMATION AND/OR TO COMMUNICATE FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE.**
  - d. Bags of any kind (ladies bag, shoulder bags, attaché case, backpacks, etc.)
  - e. Other examination aids not stated in this program.

All personal belongings of the examinees shall be surrendered to the proctor and shall be placed in a secured space within the examination room.

The rules on the conduct of bodily search, inspection of personal belongings of the examinees, and the seizure/confiscation of prohibited items during the licensure exam (Annex A of PRC Memorandum Order No. 57 (s. 2020) shall be strictly observed.

6. Examinees and examination personnel are encouraged to observe the minimum health standards per DOH Circular No. 0324 (s. 2023)<sup>1</sup> throughout the conduct of the examination.
7. Read carefully and follow the instructions on your NOTICE OF ADMISSION and EXAMINEES GUIDE.

NOTE: PERSONAL BELONGINGS BROUGHT BY AN EXAMINEE SHALL BE FOR HIS/HER OWN ACCOUNT. THE PRC WILL NOT BE ANSWERABLE FOR ANY SUCH ITEM OR PERSONAL BELONGING THAT MIGHT BE LOST DURING THE EXAM WITHOUT FAULT OR NEGLIGENCE ON ITS PART.

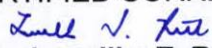
This supersedes Examination Program dated March 10, 2024.

Manila, Philippines  
May 14, 2024

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<sup>1</sup> Updated Health Protocols Following the Lifting of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency