

COLLEGE OF
DENTURISTS
OF ONTARIO

OSCE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION CANDIDATE ORIENTATION

College of Denturists of Ontario



QUALIFYING EXAMINATION STRUCTURE

- The Qualifying Examination is a non-exemptible requirement for a certificate of registration to practice denturism in Ontario
- Comprised of two components

1. Multiple Choice Question (MCQ)

- Multi-jurisdictional
- Administered simultaneously in Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario
- 220 Multiple Choice Questions

2. Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

- Administered provincially (Ontario & Alberta)
- Ontario's OSCE is not affiliated with Alberta's OSCE



OSCE INFORMATION

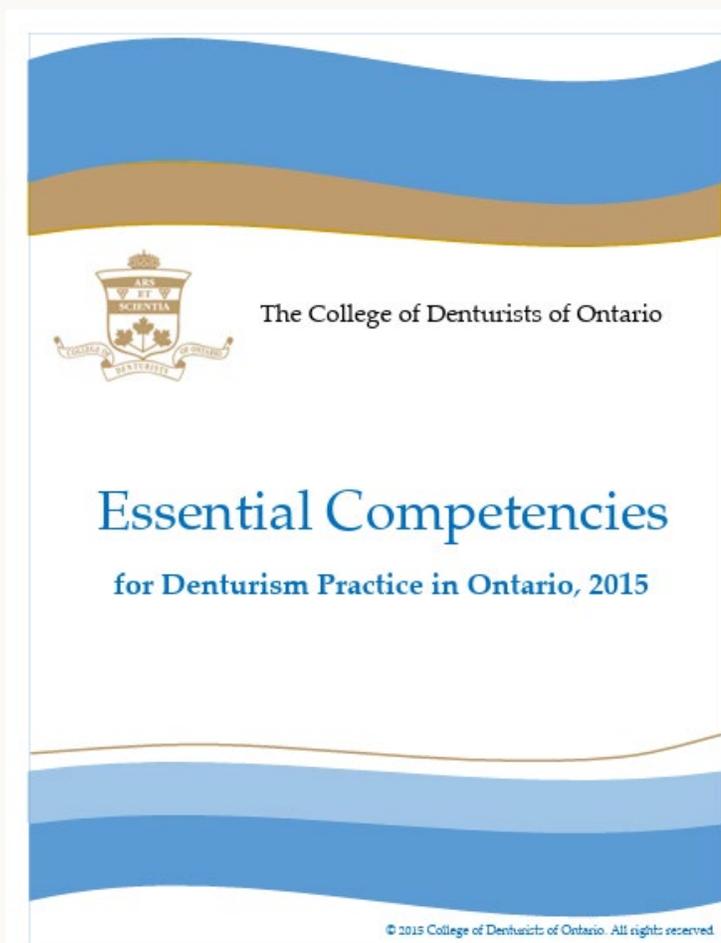
- Saturday and Sunday, June 21 & 22, 2025
- Location: David Braley Health Sciences Centre
100 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
- Candidate protocol & agreement
- Registration & orientation
- Sequestering
- Dress code = Scrubs with NO LOGOS; no jewelry

OSCE BLUEPRINT



Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) – 16 Stations Total		
Competency Area	Competency Weighting	# of Stations
Clinical Practice	31.25%	5
Laboratory Procedures	25%	4
Professional Collaboration	12.5%	2
Practice Management	6.25%	1
Jurisprudence, Ethics, and professional responsibility	12.5%	2
Communication	12.5%	2
TOTAL	100%	16

ESSENTIAL COMPETENCIES FOR DENTURISM PRACTICE IN ONTARIO, 2015



Competency Area 1: Clinical Practice		
Competency	Performance Indicators	Practice Illustrations
	1.5.5 Takes appropriate measurements and/or impressions to establish the ideal restoration, and maximize aesthetics and function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands that measurements may include vertical dimensions, abutment height and bite registration.
	1.5.6 Applies foundational knowledge and evidence-informed practice to produce accurate, functional results.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates skill in impression techniques and methods. Applies medical device methodology and biochemical concepts when manufacturing and/or restoring a prosthesis and/or oral appliance (e.g., repairing dentures and/or relines).
	1.5.7 Takes into consideration the anatomical presentation and makes appropriate modifications when needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considers the material's ability and limitations. Incorporates a soft lining for a flat ridge. Identifies a lack of interocclusal space to determine if a metal reinforcement is required.
	1.5.8 Takes the patient's safety, physical comfort and emotional state into consideration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifies patient positioning, equipment selection and/or environment as needed. Provides emotional support. Demonstrates open and clear communication before starting a procedure.
	1.5.9 Evaluates the outcome of the procedure and makes modifications as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognizes when a prosthesis needs modifications to produce desirable outcomes (e.g., change in bone structure, identifies extra tooth loss or over eruption of a tooth). Confirms anatomical accuracy during the impression procedure. Confirms the physiological accuracy (e.g., centric relation, occlusal accuracy, cosmetic outcome) during the fitting and delivery. Adjusts and modifies for fit and patient comfort. Evaluates processing outcomes to ensure integrity and accuracy.

PART II: OSCE ORIENTATION VIDEO





OSCE STATIONS

- There will be no intra-oral stations
- It is assumed that IPAC protocols have been followed
- 3 minute read time, 8 minutes inside, 1 minute reminder
- 8 stations per day (6 interactive, 2 non-interactive)
- Noise – non-sterile environment

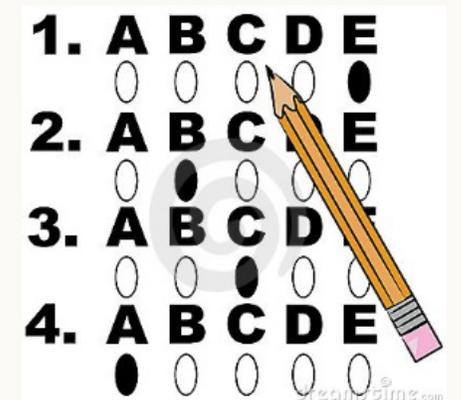
INTERACTIVE STATIONS

- Consultation – what is expected?
- Clinical knowledge
- Judgement
- Communication skills
- Introductions



NON-INTERACTIVE STATIONS

- Clinical/technical knowledge
- Judgement
- Multiple-choice questions





CANDIDATE INSTRUCTIONS

Candidate Instructions/Stem

You are about to meet Mrs. Esther Moore, 54 years old, who presents to your office requesting a full lower denture. Her complete upper denture fits well. She has not been to a dentist in over twenty (20) years and is now of the impression that all her remaining lower teeth should be removed. Please address her concerns.

A completed patient chart, models and props are available to you. It is understood that universal asepsis protocols have been followed and consent forms for treatment have been signed.

MEDICAL-DENTAL CHART



PATIENT INFORMATION CARD

Patient Information

Name: ESTHER MOORE Age: 54
 Address: 46 WAYNE RD Sex: Male Female
 Occupation: HOTEL HOUSEKEEPER Referred by: WALK-IN

Dental History

Dentist: NONE
 Do you grind your teeth? Yes No
 Do your jaw joints crack, pop or grate? Yes No
 Are your gums tender or sore? Yes No
 Have you had any injuries or surgeries to your mouth? Yes No

Details:
 Last Visit*: LAST DENTAL VISIT 20 YRS AGO Phone: _____
 Last x-ray: N/A

Medical Information

Family Physician: WALK-IN Phone: _____
 Are you currently under medical treatment? Yes No Reason? _____
 Have you ever been treated for any of the following:

Rx		Rx	
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Stroke	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/> Allergies (Metal, latex)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Disease/Asthma	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid	<input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Emotional or nervous disorders	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeat Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis	_____	_____

Do you smoke? Yes No Have you ever had any major operations or illness? Yes No

Reason for visit: WANTS TEETH REMOVED AND FULL SET OF DENTURES

Existing Denture Assessment

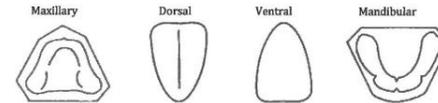
Type: CUD Insertion Date: U: 20 YRS L:
 How many sets? U: 1 L:
 Extraction dates: U: 20 YRS L:
 Adhesive used: U: NO L:
 Vertical Dimension: Over Closed: 2 mm Over Open: mm W.N.L.
 Fit: U: GOOD L:

Oral Assessment

Condition of Oral Mucosa

Upper: Normal Locally inflamed Diffuse reddening Granulated Epulis Fissuratum
 Lower: Normal Locally inflamed Diffuse reddening Granulated Epulis Fissuratum

Other Anomalies:



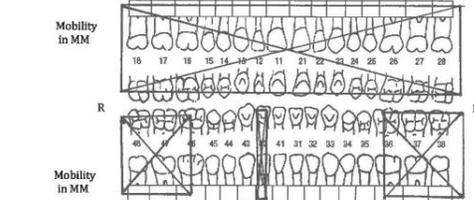
Alveolar Ridge
 Upper: Little Atrophy Normal Atrophy Severe Atrophy Fibrotic Tissue
 Lower: Little Atrophy Normal Atrophy Severe Atrophy Fibrotic Tissue

Tori
 Upper: Unilateral Bilateral Manageable Surgery Advised
 Lower: Unilateral Bilateral Manageable Surgery Advised

Xerostomia: Mild Moderate Severe Normal Saliva

Palatal Shape: Conductive Not Conductive

Jaw Relationship:
 Anterior: Class I Class II Class III
 Posterior: Class I Class II Class III



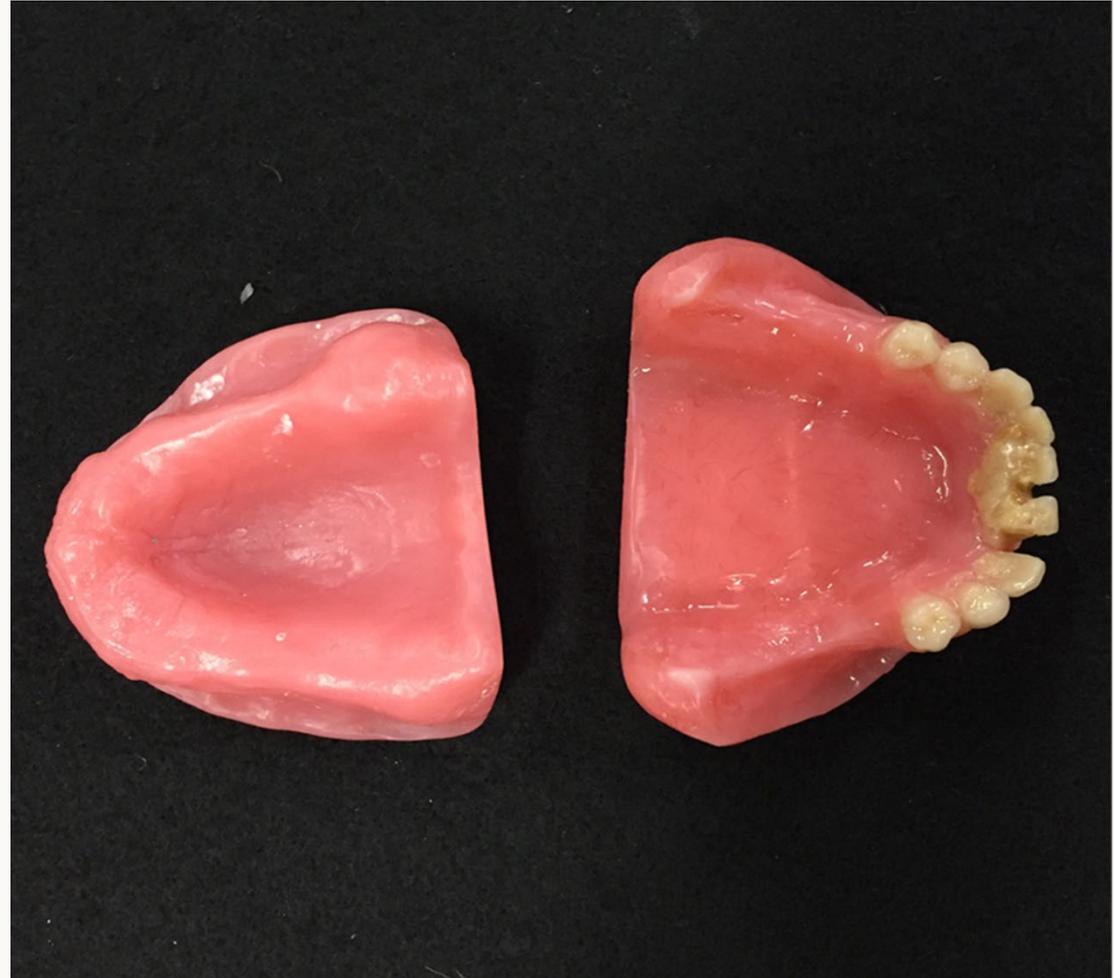
Teeth to be Extracted: 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28
 48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

Referred to/for: _____ Date: _____

MODELS

Materials

- Acrylic
 - Resin
 - Stone
 - Printed
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- All the same on the examination



VIDEO: SAMPLE INTERACTIVE STATION



STANDARDIZED PATIENTS

- Standardized Patients (SPs) are there to guide you
- Review all station materials carefully
- No tricks
- You can touch models





INCIDENT REPORTS

- If you experience anything out of the ordinary that may have negatively affected your exam performance
- Must be completed during sequestering following the exam (10 minutes)
- You must document your incident following the exam should you wish to lodge an appeal

INCIDENT REPORTS



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PLACE CANDIDATE ID STICKER HERE

OSCE Incident Report Form

Completed by: Candidate Assessor Other: _____

Exam Date: _____

Track: **BLUE** **YELLOW** (circle one)

Report Time: _____

Group #: 1 2 3 4 (circle one)

Station #: _____

Please indicate which of the following concern(s) affected candidate performance within the station identified above:

Procedural or Environmental Irregularity Medical Illness Personal Emergency

Please describe the incident (in as much detail as possible):

Name:

Signature:



DETERMINING THE PASS SCORE

- The College, under the direction of psychometric consultants, utilize industry best practice methodologies for high stakes testing to determine examination cut scores
- Cut score is influenced by the difficulty of examination questions
- It is important to note that there is no pre-determined pass rate for this exam nor are candidates ranked
- It is possible for all candidates who attempt the exam to be successful



ENSURING YOUR SCORE IS FAIR AND VALID

- Following the examination, all items on the OSCE are reviewed to ensure that they have functioned in the anticipated fashion
- Items not meeting psychometric criteria are reviewed by the Qualifying Examination Committee and a determination about their status is made
- Factors impacting candidate performance, documented in Incident Reports, are taken into consideration before a candidate's score is finalized

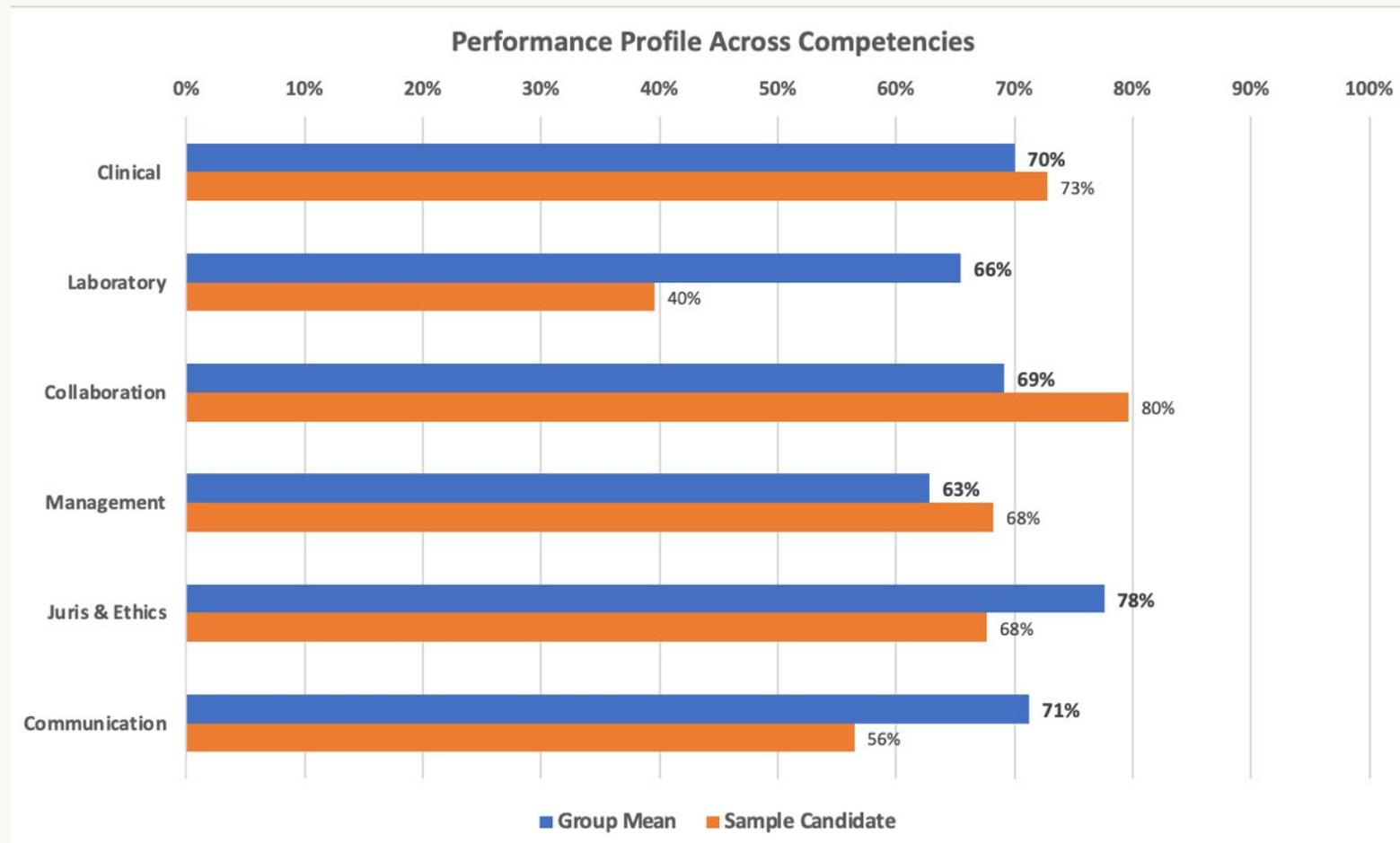


RESULTS

- Results of the Qualifying Examination will be posted to the CDO Portal, approximately **6-8 weeks** after the completion of both examination components (i.e. after the OSCE)
- You will be notified via e-mail that the results are available
- Performance reports will be provided for unsuccessful candidates

PERFORMANCE REPORTS

- Provides an analysis of the examination content areas
- Provides specific feedback about the unsuccessful candidate's performance
- Released along with the results
- If you have any questions about this report, please contact the College





APPEAL OF RESULTS

- No rescoring, no remarking, scores are final
- Appeals may be based on three grounds only:

1. Candidate illness on examination day

Must be supported by medical documentation by a licensed healthcare professional within **3 business days** of the examination

2. Personal emergency

An unforeseen emergency or traumatic incident, such as the death or serious/sudden illness or injury of a close family member or close personal friend

3. Procedural irregularities

For example, missing station materials, broken models, etc.



APPEAL OF RESULTS

- Candidate **must** have submitted an incident report
- Appeals must be received by the College **within 15 business days** from the release of exam results
- Appeals do **not** result in remarking or rescoring of your examination grade
- The CDO's QE Appeal Policy defines the possible outcomes of an appeal (the attempt does not count and/or an adjustment of the examination fee for a subsequent attempt, at the discretion of the Registrar)



CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Conflicts of interest with examiners can include:

- Any Denturist whose clinic(s) which you have attended or completed denture work at in the past three (3) years
- Family member(s) in the profession
- Any Denturist(s) or SPs you know personally



EXAMINATION SECURITY

- Under no circumstances will the examination evaluation marking booklet or instruction booklet be released to the candidate
- Cell phones must be checked-in at registration (please turn OFF your cell phone and devices, do not set them to vibrate or silent)
- **NO** Cell phones/Smart Watches or Devices/Fitbits allowed on your person
- If candidates are found to have any electronic devices on their person, even if not in use, this will result in instant failure on the spot



EXAMINATION IMPARTIALITY

Distinct roles by design to maintain impartiality

- College Staff
- SP Staff
- Exam Assessors
- Psychometrician
- QE Committee

QUESTIONS?

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