

Part II: OSCE Exam Candidate Information Package

Introduction

Dear Candidates,

Due to the unpredictable nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and the changes in government directives that can be brought to bear in response to changes in the character of the pandemic, the College reserves the right to change, cancel or amend these examination dates. Candidates or prospective candidates are responsible for ensuring they have access to current information regarding the scheduling of the Qualifying Examination. Such information is available on the College website (www.denturists-cdo.com).

The College acknowledges the challenges that candidates may be facing in facets of their professional, personal, and academic lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

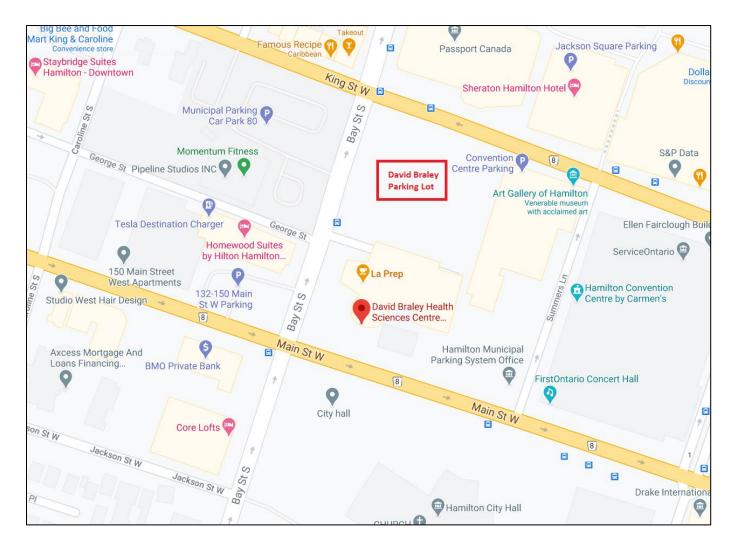
The new exam site for the OSCE exam will be the David Braley Health Sciences Centre located in Hamilton, Ontario. Due to factors associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the College took the extraordinary step to move the location of the exam to a venue that is large and flexible enough to ensure all the required infection prevention and control measures can be instituted properly. The change of the examination venue to a facility outside of Toronto carries with it the added benefit of administering the exam in an area with lower reported case numbers of COVID-19 infection.



OSCE Exam Location

The OSCE portion of the Qualifying examination will be hosted at the David Braley Health Sciences Centre located in Hamilton, Ontario. The MCQ exam will be conducted online through remote proctoring.

David Braley Health Sciences Centre, McMaster University 100 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 1H6



Parking

There is paid parking at the rear of the building.

Weekend Parking Rate (For OSCE): \$7 flat rate for the whole day per day.



OSCE Day 1 – Saturday

- Registration will occur at the **main lobby.**
- You will not be allowed to wait in the lobby prior to registration so please aim to arrive right on time, not earlier.
- Dress warmly as you will be waiting outside until you are permitted to enter the building for registration.
- Your personalized schedule will be provided by email once the registration deadline closes.

OSCE Day 2 – Sunday

• Your personalized schedule for Day 2 will be identical to Day 1.

Hotel Accommodations

The College has reserved a block of rooms at the following hotels that are within walking distance to the David Braley Health Sciences Centre.

The hotels listed are for reference only and any costs and fees associated will be paid by the candidates. Candidates are under no obligation to stay at these venues and can stay at any venue they wish.

Visitors Inn

Overnight parking rate: Free parking Check In: 2:00 pm Checkout: 11:00 am 649 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, 905-529-6979 reservations@visitorsinn.com

Homewood Suites by Hilton

Overnight parking rate: \$12.50 + HST Check In: 3:00 pm Checkout: 12:00 pm 40 Bay Street South, Hamilton, Ontario,

1-800-2255-4663



Staybridge Suites

Overnight parking rate: \$12.50 + HST Check In: 3:00 pm Checkout: 12:00 pm 20 Caroline Street South, Hamilton, Ontario, 905-527-1001

Sheraton Hamilton Hotel

Overnight parking rate: \$14.95 + HST Check In: 3:00 pm Checkout: 12:00 pm 116 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, 905-529-5515 Booking website link

COVID-19 Precautions and Measures

The College has developed a comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan for the Qualifying Examination. The Safety Plan outlines the infection prevention and control measures that the College will institute to safeguard the wellbeing of candidates, standardized patients, exam administrators, exam assessors and College staff.

Please click here to view the College's COVID-19 Safety Plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: Roderick Tom-Ying (416-925-6331 ext. 227 or rtom-ying@denturists-cdo.com)

Important Exam Resources

- COVID-19 Safety Plan
- Part II OSCE Candidate Protocol
- Registering for the Qualifying Examination
- Important Exam and Registration Dates & Deadlines
- Exam Fees
- Exam Policies
- Qualifying Examination Blueprint

Important Public Health Resources

- <u>Hamilton Public Health Services webpage</u> updates from Hamilton Public Health Services including local by-laws and restrictions
- Ministry of Health's COVID-19 webpage Updated daily at 10:30 am EST, this website contains
 the latest information on the status of cases in Ontario, information about the Coronavirus and
 how Ontario is preparing.
- <u>Public Health Agency of Canada's COVID-19 webpage</u> updates from the Government of Canada including travel advisories
- Ontario Ministry of Health's COVID-19 screening questions
- Ontario Ministry of Health's Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario (Table 7) Guidance Document to determine contact management and classification of risks based on exposure type and setting.
- Online database of approved hand sanitizers by Health Canada.
- The College's <u>Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines</u> and <u>Additional Precautions Guidelines</u> for general reference.