

# Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.

August 30, 2022

**TO:** Steering Committee Members and Affiliates

**CC:** Executive Committee

**FROM:** Richael Cobler, Executive Director

**CRDTS Celebrated 50 Years at this year's Annual Meeting**, August 26-27, 2022. We had a fantastic turnout with over 200 attendees and we accomplished a great deal of business sprinkled with some fun and entertainment.

It was good to see so many of you in Kansas City! We appreciate your service to CRDTS and the level of participation and engagement during the meeting was inspiring. Knowing that, as the representative for your state Boards you are interested in contributing to the success of CRDTS and in helping us to ensure that our exams meet each of your board's requirements and needs, makes all the work going into the meetings worth it for me and the CRDTS Executives and Staff.

Below is a summary of action items taken by the committee as well as important points of interest to report to each of your State Boards.

- Recap by Catherine Walberg, Legal Counsel, on role and responsibility of Steering Committee members and the importance of the fiduciary duty of each state board Member representative.
- Dr. Sam Jacoby, President, noted the appointment of several new committee members
- The Financial Reports from CRDTS Auditors was reviewed. This year was a full audit and there were no findings.
- Dr. Rod Hill, chair of the Dental Exam Review Committee (DERC) recapped the changes for the 2023 Testing Cycle for the Simulated Patient Exam based on feedback and information received from the DERC Committee.
- Ms. Janine Sasse-Englert, Chair of the Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee (DHERC) reported that examiners will be asked to complete their availability for the 2023 hygiene exam season immediately following the Annual Meeting. Ms. Sasse-Englert also reported on the successful Clinical Calibration and Assessment Program (CCAP) piloted in 2022 which will be offered across the country beginning in 2023.
- Dr. Mark Edwards, Director of Dental Examinations updated the committee on specifics regarding Haptic Technology, the CRDTS Remediation Program (see attached information) and activity within each state at state board meeting and visits to dental schools recently.
- Ms. Cindy Gaskill, Director of Dental Hygiene Examinations reported on the increase in dental hygiene examinations that CRDTS has seen recently, the efforts with all of the dental hygiene programs to keep them informed, calibrate for examinations, and discuss additional opportunities with program directors.
- Dr. Willis, Nominating Committee Chair, notified the Steering Committee of the suggested names for election by the General Assembly for the offices of Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Andrew Johnston was elected Vice President and Ms. Lisa Kucera was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Each of these positions are a one-year term and can be reelected
- Additional Bylaws changes were discussed for submission to the General Assembly.
- State of the States Reports were received. Thank you to all who had the time to develop a written report and to all of you for your verbal report regarding Rules, Regs or Statute changes happening in your state that pertain to licensure, examinations, or might impact CRDTS. We respectfully request a written report at each Annual Meeting and more often if appropriate.

Many of you also submitted information regarding changes in terms, subcommittee assignments, etc. as well as the best method for contacting board members.

### Important Information for State Board Members:

- **CRDTS Members (YOU) have an active voice/vote regarding exam changes and the operations of the organization through the participation on the CRDTS Exam Review Committees and as Steering Committee members.**
- **Over 50 Years of Testing Excellence** – CRDTS celebrates 50 years since incorporation this year.
- **National Dental and Dental Hygiene Exams** – CRDTS is accepted in over 41 of the 48 states that accept regional testing as a pathway toward licensure.
- **Simulated Patient Exam Options** – If your state accepts simulated patient examinations, CRDTS has options.
- **Patient Based Exam Options** – As long as there is a requirement for patient-based examinations in any state, CRDTS will provide patient-based examinations.
- **CIF Exam structure** - exam and retakes over a weekend without affecting valuable clinic time or disrupting the school week. This can be accomplished for simulated, Patient-based and hybrid exams.
- **Virtual Haptic Technology** is being utilized for remediation and eventually for testing.
- **Local Anesthesia, Dental Therapy (where accepted) and Auxiliary Restorative Exams**
- **Remediation Programs Designed to State Specifications are available** – see attached information and call or email us for more details
- **Exam Location Flexibility** – Independent test sites, Decatur, AL; Hastings, NE and more to come
- **Exam Scheduling Flexibility** – Topeka, KS facility available 24/7 for simulated patient remediation, education and testing
- **Expedited Results** – Same day exam results in both dental and dental hygiene for in-clinic testing
- **OSCE Administered On-Site** – No need to schedule an exam at a Prometric Center
- **On-Site Retakes** – If site approved, CRDTS will administer next day on-site retakes
- **Reduced Retake Fees** – Complimentary, same exam, retake options



## **CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICE, INC.**

### **Remediation, Education, Training and Testing**

#### ***NOW AVAILABLE TO STATE BOARDS***

#### ***AND DENTAL/DENTAL HYGIENE PROFESSIONALS***

Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS) has provided national initial licensure examinations for dental and dental hygiene candidates for more than 50 years.

Recently, CRDTS developed and built an independent center for Remediation, Education, Training and Testing at our Topeka, KS Central Office location. At this location, CRDTS dental and dental hygiene professionals provide opportunities for State Board ordered Remediation including Education, Training and Testing. CRDTS will work with the state board to design a remediation program specific to the needs of the licensee. Using hands-on Virtual Haptic and Manikin Technology, CRDTS will work with licensees to restore their skills where needed and provide direction in all aspects of the required remediation order and training.

In addition to providing much needed remediation options for state dental and dental hygiene boards and commissions across the nation, CRDTS can provide these services to dental and dental hygiene professionals or candidates for licensure seeking additional training, education, or the opportunity to practice and refresh their knowledge before reentering practice following time away.

See attached outline of the structure for remediation and discipline offerings.

## CRDTS REMEDIATION PROGRAMS

CRDTS will develop a menu of subject matter from which the State Board of Dentistry can select the focal points that will allow CRDTS to implement intervention strategies to allow the licensee opportunities to improve performance. The program is designed to be customized per the targeted area of remediation to assist the State Boards in their mission to protect the public.

### The components of CRDTS Remediation include:

- 1) Define overall goals and objectives of the remediation
- 2) Develop a realistic time frame for remediation
- 3) Determine how, when and where remediation will be addressed
- 4) Provide structure to facilitate deliberate licensee practice, with supportive feedback and evaluation
- 5) Explicit, ongoing documentation at every session

### CRDTS Remediation dental disciplines will consist of the following:

- **Comprehensive Initial Dental Examination:** Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, Sequence of Treatment, Creation of Options, Phasing of Treatment, Record Keeping, Diagnosis and Interpretation of Radiographs, Local Anesthesia, Infection Control
- **Operative Dentistry:** Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, Sequence of Treatment, Hand Skill Assessment
- **Fixed Prosthodontics:** Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, Sequence of Treatment, Cementation, Implant Restorations, Hand Skill Assessment
- **Endodontics:** Dental Anatomy, Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, Hand Skill Assessment
- **Removable Prosthodontics:** Treatment Planning, Prosthesis Design, Sequence of Treatment
- **Periodontics Dental:** Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, Sequence of Treatment, Identification and Management of Patient Risk Factors
- **Periodontics Dental and Dental Hygiene:** Extra and Intra Oral Assessment, Periodontal Measurements and Assessment, Supra-gingival Scaling and Polishing, Scaling and Root Planing, Record Keeping, Hand Skill Assessment, Interpretation of Radiographs, Local Anesthesia, Infection Control
- **Implant Dentistry:** Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, Sequence of Treatment, Surgical Protocol, Identification and Management of Patient Risk Factors, Hand Skill Assessment

Following the results of the pre-assessment examination, CRDTS will work in conjunction with the board to customize the remediation curriculum for the licensee. Once the customized remediation plan is confirmed to meet the Board of Dentistry's needs, a case all-inclusive fee would be presented, which would include those parts of the examination that CRDTS would outsource.

The following outlines CRDTS Remediation Structure and Content.

# CRDTS Remediation Structure

Structure	Description	Included in Cost	Cost
<b>Pre-Remediation Assessment</b> (Conducted at CRDTS Topeka Education Center, or test site if available during a scheduled examination)	State Board will direct CRDTS as to the exact skills that are specific to licensee's remediation needs: <b>Dental discipline options:</b> 1. Prosthodontics* 2. Endodontics* 3. Restorative* 4. Periodontics* *All parts include Diagnosis and Treatment Planning Evaluation  <b>Dental Hygiene options:</b> Dental Hygiene assessment of hygiene skills and technique evaluation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Typodonts for procedures</li> <li>• Site fee</li> <li>• Administration of CRDTS assessment</li> <li>• CRDTS educator to administer assessment</li> </ul>	Dental: \$2,100 - \$4,600 Hygiene: \$1,750
<b>Report to the Board</b>	If additional deficiencies are discovered following the pre-assessment examination, CRDTS will contact the Board to determine if the board wants to include the deficient areas in the remediation program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report information from Pre-Remediation Assessment to the State Board</li> <li>• Report information from Post-Remediation Assessment to the State Board</li> </ul>	No charge to licensee
<b>Professional Ethics Courses</b> Outsourced to <i>Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services</i> (EBAS)	Ethics will be part of every remediation case that CRDTS administers.  State Board will determine which and how many topics must be evaluated.	Information can be found at EBAS <a href="http://www.EBAS.org">www.EBAS.org</a> five topic options: 1. Fraud 2. Substance Abuse 3. Unprofessional Conduct 4. Professional Standards 5. Boundaries	\$500 - \$2,500  \$500/topic OR maximum \$2,500 if more than three topics required.
<b>CE for Disciplines Remediated</b>	3 to 6 hours of CE per section needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to three disciplines included</li> </ul>	Cost based on expenses per case-to-case basis Estimate: \$900 - \$2,700
<b>Structured Hand Skill Practice</b> (Conducted at the CRDTS Topeka Education Center)	Structured, in person, hand skill practice and training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual haptic and typodont training/practice</li> <li>• One educator evaluator</li> <li>• <b>Dental:</b> Two 8-hour day access to Dente (virtual haptic) &amp; ADEC simulators</li> <li>• <b>Dental Hygiene:</b> One 8-hour day access to Dente (virtual haptic) &amp; ADEC simulators</li> </ul>	Cost based on expenses per case-to-case basis Estimate: \$1,600 - \$3,200
<b>Post – Remediation Assessment Examination</b> Conducted at the CRDTS Topeka Education Center, or test site if available during a scheduled examination)	CRDTS Simulated Patient examination given. <b>Dental:</b> Includes testing all dental disciplines: Endodontics, Prosthodontics, Periodontics, Restorative, Diagnosis and Treatment Planning Evaluation <b>Dental Hygiene:</b> Includes testing all Dental Hygiene skills assessments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Typodonts for procedures</li> <li>• Site fee</li> <li>• Administration of CRDTS exam</li> </ul>	Cost based on expenses per case-to-case basis Dental: \$2,350 - \$4,900 Hygiene: \$1,025 - \$3,200
<b>Additional Practice</b> (Topeka Education Center or remotely)	If additional practice is required it will be on a per day, case to case basis.	Case-to-case basis	Cost based on expenses per case-to-case basis
<b>Complete Remediation</b>	If licensee must take the entire remediation structure it will include all structures listed above.	Includes all structures listed above	Cost based on expenses per case-to-case basis