



Dental Hygiene

Required Steps to Obtain Your Credential	1. Upon successful completion of all requirements for WDTC's Dental Hygiene Program, the graduate is eligible to sit for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination *(NBDHE) and the American Board of Dental Examiners **(ADEX) clinical exam. *NBDHE is taken at a Pearson VUE testing center. **ADEX is taken at a designated time at the WDTC Dental Hygiene clinical facility.
	2. South Dakota Application Process. • Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental hygiene program. • Submit passing score for the NBDHE. • Submit passing score for the ADEX. • Submit current BLS/CPR certification. • Submit the South Dakota licensure application and supporting documents. • Pass the South Dakota jurisprudence examination. • Receive your South Dakota dental hygiene license. Dental Hygienists may apply for the additional permits 1. Local Anesthesia 2. Nitrous Oxide Analgesia https://www.sdboardofdentistry.org
	3. For states outside of South Dakota. • Complete the application process for state licensure. • Each state has their own application process which typically involves taking a jurisprudence exam along with submitting verification of a successful pass rate (min score of 75 percent) from NBDHE and ADEX. • Part of the application will be a successful completion of a criminal background check and uploading a current Basic Life Support (BLS)/CPR certification. NOTE: The WDTC Director of Dental Hygiene will often be required to provide verification of completed local anesthetic and nitrous oxide courses and experiences obtained during the program.