

Louisiana Dental Hygiene Jurisprudence Practice Exam (Sample)

Study Guide



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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- 1. What actions may the board take if an audit shows a deficiency in continuing education hours?**
 - A. All of the above**
 - B. Revoke or suspend the dental hygiene license**
 - C. Fine the dental hygienist**
 - D. Place the dental hygienist on probation**

- 2. What permit must a dentist have to administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia?**
 - A. A permit to practice general dentistry.**
 - B. A permit to administer any anesthesia.**
 - C. No permit required.**
 - D. A permit to administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia, local anesthesia, and anxiolysis sedation.**

- 3. What should Judy do if she cannot find a job after receiving her hygiene license?**
 - A. Return license**
 - B. Continue looking for employment with a dentist**
 - C. Practice without a license**
 - D. Work as assistant without a license**

- 4. The abbreviation 'R.D.H.' designates which professional credential?**
 - A. Registered Dental Hygienist**
 - B. Radiology Department Head**
 - C. Registered Doctor of Hygiene**
 - D. Regular Dental Hygienist**

- 5. What must be done for a lost license certificate to be replaced?**
 - A. Submit affidavit and pay duplicate fee**
 - B. Providing a criminal background check**
 - C. Provide a letter from employer**
 - D. Complete a renewal application**

- 6. Which task is explicitly allowed for expanded duty dental assistants?**
- A. Performing oral cleanings**
 - B. Performing oral inspections with a mirror**
 - C. Diagnosing periodontal disease**
 - D. Administering sedation**
- 7. Is cosmetic dentistry recognized as a specialty by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry?**
- A. True**
 - B. False**
 - C. Recognized only if board-certified**
 - D. Not specified**
- 8. What is the total number of members on the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry as described?**
- A. Fifteen**
 - B. Fourteen**
 - C. Sixteen**
 - D. Thirteen**
- 9. If an employer changes the bonus plan to reward patient referrals, what action should a hygienist take?**
- A. Continue participating**
 - B. Inform Dr. Smith that they cannot participate because it violates the Dental Practice Act**
 - C. File a complaint with the board**
 - D. Seek a new job**
- 10. Are CPR courses completed entirely online acceptable for maintaining certification?**
- A. Yes**
 - B. No**
 - C. Only if approved by the board**
 - D. Only for non-clinical staff**

Answers

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1. D
2. D
3. B
4. A
5. A
6. B
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. B

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Explanations

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1. What actions may the board take if an audit shows a deficiency in continuing education hours?

A. All of the above

B. Revoke or suspend the dental hygiene license

C. Fine the dental hygienist

D. Place the dental hygienist on probation

When a continuing education audit reveals a shortfall, the board's first priority is to secure compliance while allowing the practitioner to continue practicing under oversight. Placing the dental hygienist on probation is the most appropriate immediate remedy. It creates a formal process to cure the deficiency—typically by requiring the missing hours within a set timeframe and establishing terms the licensee must follow, with monitoring and reporting as needed. This approach protects the public by ensuring the hygienist eventually meets the required CE while giving the licensee a clear path to return to full, unrestricted practice if they comply. More severe actions like revocation or suspension are reserved for more serious or repeated violations or failure to meet probation terms, and fines may be possible in some cases but are not the automatic response to a single CE deficiency. Thus, probation is the standard corrective action for addressing a CE shortfall discovered in an audit. If the licensee complies, probation ends; if not, the board may escalate to harsher sanctions.

2. What permit must a dentist have to administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia?

A. A permit to practice general dentistry.

B. A permit to administer any anesthesia.

C. No permit required.

D. A permit to administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia, local anesthesia, and anxiolysis sedation.

Having the right permit is essential because nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia is a controlled service that requires explicit authorization. In Louisiana, a dentist must hold a permit that covers not just nitrous oxide, but also related sedation and local anesthesia when those modalities may be used in the same patient encounter. This ensures the dentist has the required training, monitoring skills, emergency readiness, and equipment to safely administer inhalation analgesia alongside anxious-level sedation and local anesthesia. A general dentistry permit by itself does not authorize these specific sedation activities, and a blanket "any anesthesia" permit is not what the state board issues for dental practice. The combined permit for nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia, anxiolysis sedation, and local anesthesia aligns with safety standards and scope of practice for these procedures.

3. What should Judy do if she cannot find a job after receiving her hygiene license?

A. Return license

B. Continue looking for employment with a dentist

C. Practice without a license

D. Work as assistant without a license

In Louisiana, dental hygienists practice under the supervision of a licensed dentist, and their authority to work comes through that supervision. If Judy can't find a job, the appropriate step is to keep seeking employment with a dentist who will supervise her and allow her to practice legally. This keeps her licensed status active and lets her gain real-world experience. Returning the license isn't helpful and would stop her from practicing legally. Practicing without a supervising dentist is illegal, and working as an assistant without the proper credentials or supervision also isn't permitted. So the best path is to continue pursuing dentist-supervised opportunities, possibly while networking, applying broadly, or exploring supervised settings, rather than attempting to practice independently or without authorization.

4. The abbreviation 'R.D.H.' designates which professional credential?

A. Registered Dental Hygienist

B. Radiology Department Head

C. Registered Doctor of Hygiene

D. Regular Dental Hygienist

R.D.H. stands for Registered Dental Hygienist. The R indicates Registered, the D for Dental, and the H for Hygienist, signaling that the individual is licensed to practice dental hygiene. In dentistry, RDH/RDH is the standard credential for a legally practicing hygienist, which is why this option is the correct one. The other options describe job roles or nonstandard credentials, not recognized licensure in dental hygiene.

5. What must be done for a lost license certificate to be replaced?

A. Submit affidavit and pay duplicate fee

B. Providing a criminal background check

C. Provide a letter from employer

D. Complete a renewal application

When a license certificate is lost, the replacement happens by confirming the loss with an affidavit and paying the duplicate license fee. The affidavit of loss lets the board verify what happened, and the duplicate fee covers the cost of issuing a new certificate. These steps are specifically about replacing the lost document. Other items like a criminal background check, an employer letter, or a renewal application aren't part of the replacement process; renewal is a separate process for keeping an active license current, not for replacing a lost certificate.

6. Which task is explicitly allowed for expanded duty dental assistants?

- A. Performing oral cleanings
- B. Performing oral inspections with a mirror**
- C. Diagnosing periodontal disease
- D. Administering sedation

Expanded-duty dental assistants are authorized to perform limited, predefined tasks that support the dentist and do not involve making diagnoses or performing full procedures. One explicitly allowed task is conducting an oral screening with a mouth mirror to look for obvious problems. This is a screening activity, not a diagnostic or treatment procedure, and it can be performed under the dentist's supervision with proper training and protocols. The other tasks go beyond the expanded scope: performing oral cleanings is a procedure typically reserved for a licensed dental hygienist or dentist; diagnosing periodontal disease requires professional diagnosis by a licensed clinician; and administering sedation involves controlled anesthesia practice that requires specialized credentials and supervision.

7. Is cosmetic dentistry recognized as a specialty by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry?

- A. True
- B. False**
- C. Recognized only if board-certified
- D. Not specified

Cosmetic dentistry is not a separate, board-recognized specialty in Louisiana. The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry follows the American Dental Association's recognized specialties, such as orthodontics, endodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, and pediatric dentistry. There is no ADA-recognized or state-recognized specialty for "cosmetic dentistry," and there is no board certification for it to advertise as a specialty. Dentists can offer cosmetic procedures, but they do not hold a formal specialty designation in cosmetic dentistry.

8. What is the total number of members on the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry as described?

- A. Fifteen**
- B. Fourteen
- C. Sixteen
- D. Thirteen

The board has fifteen members. This fixed size is defined by Louisiana law for the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, balancing enough input from licensed professionals with broad oversight. The exam material presents fifteen as the total you should memorize, since the statute sets the overall count, while the exact composition (how many dentists, dental hygienists, and any public members) is specified separately by law.

9. If an employer changes the bonus plan to reward patient referrals, what action should a hygienist take?

A. Continue participating

B. Inform Dr. Smith that they cannot participate because it violates the Dental Practice Act

C. File a complaint with the board

D. Seek a new job

Financial incentives tied to patient referrals raise conflicts of interest and are restricted by the Dental Practice Act. A hygienist must not participate in or help implement a plan that rewards referrals, because it can influence clinical judgment and amounts to improper compensation for patient selection. The proper step is to inform the supervising dentist that the new referral bonus would violate the Act and cannot be participated in. This protects patient care, upholds professional and legal obligations, and signals a need to address the issue directly. If the dentist ignores the concern or insists on continuing the plan, escalation to the state dental board may be appropriate. Continuing to participate would perpetuate illegal conduct, while seeking a new job is an option only if the employer remains committed to the illegal practice.

10. Are CPR courses completed entirely online acceptable for maintaining certification?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Only if approved by the board

D. Only for non-clinical staff

Maintaining CPR certification requires demonstrable hands-on competency, not just knowledge. In a real CPR situation, you must perform chest compressions with the correct depth and rate, deliver breaths properly, and accurately use an AED. An online-only course cannot verify these psychomotor skills or provide the in-person skills assessment that most boards require. Therefore, fully online CPR courses do not meet the standard for maintaining certification. If the board specifically approves a blended format or an exception, that could satisfy the requirement, but the default rule is that online-only does not suffice.

Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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