

TSA Information for Dental Hygiene

10/15/2019

SAC Prefix and Name: **DH – Dental Hygiene**

Name of faculty member responsible for TSA reporting: **Josette Beach, Director**

Description of TSA(s) in 300 words or less: The National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) is offered under the auspices of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, an independent agency of the American Dental Association. The NBDHE assists state boards in evaluating qualifications of dental hygienists for licensure. NBDHE certification is accepted in all states as fulfilling all or part of the written examination requirements for licensure. The NBDHE assesses the ability to understand important information from basic biomedical and dental hygiene sciences and also the ability to apply such information in a problem-solving context. The other 3 Regional Exams taken by the PCC Dental Hygiene students are delivered through the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB). The exams are Local Anesthesia, DH Clinical and Restorative. These satisfy State Board Requirements.

Maximum score possible: 100%

Benchmark score (score that “meets expectations” for completing students): 75%

Clarifying notes: Students must take the NBDHE and the DH Clinical for Oregon Licensure. To practice in other states, they must also take the WREB Local Anesthesia Course. In Oregon they may get a separate endorsement to practice Restorative Care if they pass the WREB Restorative Exam. All exam are completed by June 15th each academic year.

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