

Canadian Performance Exam in Dental Hygiene (CPEDH) Blueprint Development

The purpose of the Canadian Performance Exam in Dental Hygiene (CPEDH) is to ensure that dental hygienists possess the breadth and depth of clinical skills to safely and effectively enter professional dental hygiene practice in Canada. The CPEDH comprises 2 parts: in Part 1, candidates apply and demonstrate their knowledge in simulation-based settings and in Part 2, with actual clients in authentic clinical contexts.

The examination blueprint is drawn from the analysis of dental hygiene practice related to competencies required for entry-to-practice in Canada.

Table 1. CPEDH Part 1 (Standardized Client) Blueprint

Competency Area	Blueprint Weight
Professional and Client Relationships	11%
Health and Safety	19%
Assessment and Diagnosis	31%
Planning	12%
Implementation and Evaluation	27%

Table 2. CPEDH Part 2 (Actual Client) Blueprint

Competency Area	Blueprint Weight
Professional and Client Relationships	14%
Health and Safety	22%
Assessment and Diagnosis	20%
Implementation and Evaluation	44%