



Texas
DENTAL HYGIENISTS'
ASSOCIATION



New Professionals Packet 2025 Graduates

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WELCOME TO TDHA

Congratulations on your achievements!!!

You've accomplished amazing things and taken a significant step into a fulfilling and rewarding career as an oral health advocate.

As you transition into this next chapter, we hope this packet serves as a valuable resource to guide and support you. Remember, your career will be what you choose to make it. Embrace the opportunities to grow, learn, and make a difference.

With your membership, you join a vibrant network of professionals who are here to support you every step of the way.

Welcome to the profession, and we look forward to seeing all the incredible things you will accomplish!

Texas Dental Hygienists' Association -
Board of Directors

TEXAS RDH LICENSE REQUIREMENTS



What is needed to keep your Texas RDH License current?

- Continuing Education Hours : 24 hours per BiAnnual renewal period (16 must be technical & scientific, only 8 may be self-study, & only 8 risk management)
- CPR Certification
- Jurisprudence every 4 years
- Human Trafficking Prevention

Documentation is important. Each RDH must keep proper documentation for 24 months after each renewal period.

For more information on the requirements:

<https://tsbde.texas.gov/licensing/hygienists/hygienist-continuing-education/>



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TDHA Components

- Austin
- Bay Area
- Brazos Valley
- Central Texas
- Greater Collin
- Concho
- Corpus Christi
- Dallas
- East Texas
- El Paso
- Greater Fort Worth
- Houston
- North Texas
- Rio Grande Valley
- San Antonio

TDHA Leadership



Pamela Randolph, RDH, BS, MS
TDHA President

“Fierce synergy is the fuel of unstoppable teams-where individual strengths ignite collective greatness, turning collaboration into power and challenges into triumphs.”

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TDHA Meetings

There are four types of meetings that are held throughout the year. These meetings include component meetings, committee meetings, board of directors meetings, and annual conference.

As a **TDHA Member** you are welcome at ALL meetings!

- **Component Meetings** are local meetings for TDHA. Each component determines how and when to hold these meetings. Some are tied with continuing education opportunities and some are not.
- **Committee Meetings** are held either at a pre-determined interval or as necessary depending on the committee. All committee members are expected to attend and any other members wanting to get involved are welcome.
- **Board of Directors Meetings** are held quarterly on a weekend at the TDHA office in Austin. These meetings include reports from the executive board, component trustees, and committee chairpersons and is where the business of TDHA is conducted.
- **Annual Conference** is the big TDHA meeting each year in February. At this meeting our House of Delegates is held and bylaws and rules are changed as necessary. This is also the meeting where elections are held and new board members are installed for the next year.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

You're an RDH-It's now time to get involved!

- Attend a TDHA Component Meeting
 - Participate on a TDHA Committee
 - Attend ADHA Annual Conference
- Join TDHA email list info@texasdha.org
 - Check out TDHA Social Media
- Take Advantage of TDHA CE Opportunities and Leadership Development courses
- Follow your local component on Social Media



Job Searching Tips

How to find a job?

1. Search Everywhere

Online job sites, Facebook, newspapers, temp agencies, friends, classmates, etc.

2. Look at the Office Website

Does it seem like a place you'd want to be a patient?

3. Drop off resumes at Offices

Just because they aren't advertising, doesn't mean they won't need someone in the near future.

4. Online searching keywords

RDH, Hygienist, Dental Hygiene, Dental, etc.

5. Take your time

Don't say YES to a job offer if you aren't sure!



INTERVIEWING FOR YOUR FIRST RDH JOB



Questions To Ask An Interviewer

- What are the expectations of this position?
- What hours are for this position?
- How is the length of appointment determined?
- What instruments and techniques are already used in this practice?
- Tell me about the equipment and working environment in this office.
- What pay & benefits are offered with this position?
- What are the future goals of this practice?

Transition to ADHA Active Membership

The transition from Student membership to ACTIVE is simple and **FREE!!!**



Contact ADHA in one of three ways:

1. Login online to your ADHA account and click the “Convert to Active Member” link.
2. Call ADHA (312)440-8900 and press 1.
3. Email your name, ADHA member ID number, license number and state of licensure to member.services@adha.net

Take advantage of your membership and transition today!



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Helpful Resources

American Dental Hygienists' Association:

www.adha.org

Texas Dental Hygienists' Association :

www.texasdha.org

American Dental Association: www.ada.org

Texas Dental Association: www.tda.org

International Federation of Dental

Hygienist's: www.IFDH.org

World Health Organization: www.who.int

Medicare: www.medicare.gov

Center for Disease Control & Prevention:

www.cdc.gov

HIPAA: www.hhs.gov

OSHA: www.osha.gov

National Library of Medicine:

www.nlm.nih.gov

Who Represents Me (My Texas Senator and

Representative: www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us

National Government: www.house.gov

www.senate.gov



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Need Help??

For any questions regarding your membership please contact our TDHA Membership Director - Illiana Jo Farias, RDH, BS

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