

DENTAL HYGIENIST

KIND OF WORK

Provides advanced technical assistance to a dentist.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class assists in the care of mouth and teeth of patients in an institution performing prophylactic work, charting, keeping records, and making appointments. A major responsibility of this position involves the instruction of oral hygiene to institutional residents.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Performs prophylactic work as cleaning, polishing and scaling teeth.

Instructs patients in proper care of mouth and teeth.

Prepares patients for dental treatment.

Sterilizes instruments, oils and cleans equipment, and supervises the routine cleaning of rooms and equipment.

Prepares trays of instruments and medications.

Prepares amalgams and cement fillings under the direction of the dentist.

Charts the mouth and teeth of patients.

Keeps dental charts and records and maintains files.

Checks file cards and arranges appointments.

Promotes dental health educational programs within the institution.

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Considerable knowledge of the techniques of oral hygiene and skill in prophylactic work.

Considerable knowledge of standard dental equipment and methods.

Ability to:

Communicate with staff, patients and institutional administrators.

Sterilize and otherwise care for instruments and equipment, and to supervise routine cleaning.

Control mental patients and to manage cases of fear or delusion.

Chart mouths and teeth.

Prepare impressions and filling materials.

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