

DENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST I

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:

This is routine technical work in performing dental prophylaxis and providing general assistance to dentists and higher level dental health specialists.

Employees in this class perform routine technical dental hygiene duties independently after initial training and work under closer supervision on expanded dental service functions.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK: (These examples do not list all the duties which may be assigned; any one position may not include all the duties listed.)

Provides oral prophylactic care to patients by examining, scaling, and polishing teeth and gums; recommends medications and treatments necessary for maintenance of good oral hygiene; administers fluoride treatments.

Demonstrates procedures and instructs patients on proper dental care.

Takes, develops, and mounts dental x-rays.

Schedules appointments and charts patients' care.

Assists in dental procedures, oral surgery and laboratory procedures.

Assists and participates in expanded dental functions.

Maintains dental instruments, equipment and materials.

Participates in dental training and educational programs.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of dental health care instruments, medication, and equipment used in the care and treatment of gums and teeth.

Ability to learn and apply the accepted methods, techniques and practices of expanded dental functions.

Ability to recognize needed dental treatment and recommend corrective action for proper oral hygiene care.

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Ability to deal tactfully with patients.

Ability to explain the steps in maintaining good oral hygiene.

Ability to prepare dental files, charts, and perform related clerical duties.


Skills in the use and care of dental equipment to properly clean gums and teeth.

Skill in the use of x-ray equipments.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

- a) One year of experience as a dental hygienist and graduation from a recognized Dental Auxiliary Training Program or School of Dental Hygiene; or
- b) Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills.

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