

DENTAL HYGIENIST I

NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible professional dental work providing dental hygiene procedures, and participating in dental health education programs.

Work involves responsibility for performance of professional dental work which includes scaling of teeth including subgingival regions, and root planing with hand and ultrasonic instruments in the oral prophylaxis procedure. Work also includes acting as a dental health consultant to schools and community groups; demonstrating dental preventive and maintenance methods and procedures; and assisting in the development of dental health educational programs and materials. Supervision is received from the Dental Division Manager with work being reviewed in the form of adherence to dental practices, reports and public comment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Performs routine dental procedures such as scaling of teeth including subgingival regions and root planing with hand and ultrasonic instruments; polishes all exposed tooth surfaces with motor driven and hand instruments in the oral prophylaxis procedure; performs all duties that any other dental auxiliary is authorized to perform.

Demonstrates dental preventive maintenance methods and procedures to clients, parents, guardians, school children and the general public.

Acts as dental health consultant to schools and community groups and organizations; establishes and maintains effective working relationships with school personnel and the general public.

Assists in the development and evaluation of dental health educational programs and materials; participates in community dental health surveys including reviewing, recording and interpreting the data collected.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of applications, practices and techniques of dental hygiene.

Knowledge of dental instruments, supplies, equipment and medications; sterilization techniques and their application; and of radiation hygiene and hazards.

Some knowledge of the methods and techniques employed in preparing and disseminating dental health educational information.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to understand and apply complex oral and written instructions.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with patients, co-workers, and general public.

Ability to operate autoclaves, x-ray machines and related equipment.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from a school for dental hygienists accredited by the Nebraska State Board of Dental Examiners plus some experience as a dental hygienist.

Membership in the American Dental Hygienists Association.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a school for dental hygienists accredited by the Nebraska State Board of Dental Examiners.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Licensure as a Dental Hygienist or eligibility therefor by the State of Nebraska.

Possession of a valid driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

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