



Dental Hygienist

Job Title

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Job Level

Non-Supervisory

Job Description: Promotes dental health by completing dental prophylaxis; providing oral cancer screening and radiographic studies; charting conditions of decay and disease; performing procedures in compliance with the dental practice act.

Significant Duties and Functions

- Prepares treatment room for patient by adhering to prescribed procedures and protocols.
- Prepares patient for dental hygiene treatment by welcoming, soothing, seating, and draping patient.
- Provides information to patients and employees by answering questions and requests.
- Maintains instrumentation for dental hygiene treatment by sharpening, sterilizing, and selecting instruments.
- Selects materials and equipment for dental hygiene visit by evaluating patient's oral health.
- Completes dental prophylaxis by cleaning deposits and stains from teeth and from beneath gum margins.
- Detects disease by completing oral cancer screening; feeling and visually examining gums; using probes to locate periodontal disease and to assess levels of recession; exposing and developing radiographic studies.
- Arrests dental decay by applying fluorides and other cavity- preventing agents.
- Helps dentist manage dental and medical emergencies by maintaining cpr certification, emergency drugs and oxygen supply, and directory of emergency numbers.
- Educates patients by giving oral hygiene and plaque control instructions and postoperative instructions; providing reminders of time of next dental hygiene visit.
- Documents dental hygiene services by recording vital signs and medical and dental histories; charting in patient records.
- Maintains patient confidence and protects operations by keeping information confidential.
- Maintains safe and clean working environment by complying with procedures, rules, and regulations.
- Protects patients and employees by adhering to infection-control policies and protocols.
- Ensures operation of dental equipment by completing preventive maintenance requirements; following manufacturer's instructions; troubleshooting malfunctions; calling for repairs; maintaining equipment inventories; evaluating new equipment and techniques.
- Maintains dental supplies inventory by checking stock to determine inventory level; anticipating needed supplies; placing and expediting orders for supplies; verifying receipt of supplies.
- Conserves dental resources by using equipment and supplies as needed to accomplish job results.
- Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops; reviewing professional publications; establishing personal networks; participating in professional

Working Conditions and Work Requirement

Job Requirements

Pleasant comfortable environment, direct patient interactions/contact, usually work a 40-hour week, some overtime may be required. May be required to travel from one CCCHC site to another to perform duties/tasks and/or distribute documents, as deemed necessary.

- Must be able work at all CCCHC locations, if needed.
- Must present proof of highest academic level of

Working Conditions

Must be able to:

- Handle some work related stress
- Stand for prolonged periods of time and withstand a moderate amount of walking.
- Bend, stop and lift and/or push up to 50 pounds with reasonable accommodations as applicable.
- Must be able work at both CCCHC locations, if



<p>education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Must have two forms of identification to meet Employment Eligibility Verification, i.e., drivers license, social security card, etc. ➤ Must be willing/agreeable to work weekends if needed. 	<p>needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Must be willing/agreeable to work weekends, if needed.
<p>Education</p>	
<p>Formal training a minimum two year vocational or associates degree program.</p>	
<p>Workforce Preparation</p>	
<p>Employees in these occupations need anywhere from a few months to one year of working with experienced employees.</p>	
<p>Skills /Abilities</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Knowledge of state and federal laws pertaining to dentistry ➤ Posses a high degree of manual dexterity ➤ Embodies self-discipline ➤ Should have good communication skills ➤ Must be capable of educating patients ➤ Knowledge of up to date dental treatment techniques ➤ Ability to train staff ➤ Ability to maintain dental treatment standards ➤ Ability to maintain confidentiality ➤ Knowledge of infection control procedures ➤ Maintains confidentiality 	
<p>Licensure/Certification</p>	
<p>Pass a national exam administered by the American Dental Association’s Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations</p> <p>Licensure in the state of Texas</p>	
<p>Salary</p>	
<p>Employment Outlook</p>	
<p>21-35% over the next 10 years, representing faster than average growth</p>	