

SENIOR DENTAL HYGIENIST

DEFINITION

To perform administrative support and coordination functions for the dental program; to facilitate and assess dental services for clients; to provide clinical dental hygiene services and treatment; and to perform related administrative support and other duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives direction from assigned supervisory and management personnel.

May provide technical and functional supervision to other staff.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES – Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

Participates in the development and promotion of dental program plans and implementation procedures; coordinates the implementation of the program plans through other agencies, both public and private.

Provides a variety of dental health services including case management and referral to available community resources, and the coordination of those resources.

Acts as liaison to facilitate dental services for clients with other agencies, and provides feedback to partner agencies for grant-writing purposes.

Provides technical assistance and advice in dental program, and recommends and implements process improvements.

Attends and participates in meetings and conferences; promotes positive public relations and public education for dental program.

Monitors legislation having an impact on program, and prepares policy statements.

Prepares reports relating to dental program area.

Serves as infection control consultant for dental program.

May provide clinical services and health education to improve and maintain oral health; performs dental charting, exposes and develops x-ray film; makes impressions for study casts.

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EXAMPLES OF DUTIES (con't)

Performs dental prophylaxis: cleans calcareous deposits, accretions, excess cement, and stains from teeth and beneath margins of gums; examines gums; applies fluorides and other cavity preventing agents to arrest dental decay.

May place and remove rubber dams, matrices, and temporary restorations.

May provide triage for emergent dental conditions; take blood pressure; administer topical and local anesthesia.

Participates in the development and implementation of treatment plans.

Orders, stores and maintains dental supplies and equipment.

Fosters effective working relationships with a variety of agencies, departments, and organizations.

Performs related duties as assigned within license and/or permit parameters.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles, practices and procedures of dental anatomy, physiology and nutrition.

Methods and techniques of dental disease prevention.

Dental office practices, procedures and record keeping requirements.

General dental health concepts and a variety of treatment approaches.

Basic principles and practices of program planning and development.

Relevant regulations and guidelines.

Ability to:

Use excellent oral communication to explain, persuade and reason with a variety of individuals having widely varying backgrounds.

Use dental equipment and materials.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work, including other health care professionals.

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Ability to: (con't)

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Experience and Training

Training:

Graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program.

Experience:

Two years of dental hygienist experience in a busy clinic setting, including active role in service planning and evaluation.

An equivalent combination of experience and training that will demonstrate the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

Special Requirements:

Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate and valid license to practice dental hygiene issued by the State of Oregon; CPR certification.

Limited Access Permit required.

Class 1 Anesthesia Permit (or higher) may be required.

May require possession of a valid Oregon driver's license.

Established per Board Order 06-3-15-9
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