

## DENTAL HYGIENIST

DESCRIPTION: Assists dentists and ward personnel in performing professional services for patients; performs related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Examines and prepares dental charts of the oral cavity.

Performs a complete prophylaxis under a dentist's supervision.

Assists dentists in examining, operating room and laboratory procedures.

Gives instructions by means of individual and group demonstration in effective use of tooth brushing and oral hygiene.

Maintains toothbrush supply and dentifrice needs and checks sanitation of holders and storage areas.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS REQUIRED: (These may be acquired on the job and are needed to perform the work assigned.)

ENTRY KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS REQUIRED: (Applicants will be screened for possession of these through written, oral, performance, and/or other evaluations.)

JOB PREPARATION GUIDELINES: (Entry knowledge, abilities, and/or skills may be acquired through, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, the following coursework/training and/or experience.)

Graduation from a two or three year training program in an accredited school of dental hygiene plus eligibility for licensure by the State Board of Dental Examiners or senior standing in a school in dental hygiene or college of dentistry.