

## DENTAL HYGIENIST II

### NATURE AND VARIETY OF WORK

This is full performance level technical dental health care work performed in the direct care of patients. The incumbent exercises independence in providing preventive dental treatment, conducting dental health education and assisting the dentist in serving patients from target populations (e.g., youth, adults, seniors). Incumbents may be exposed to infectious/contagious diseases as services are provided at public health facilities. Work is performed under general supervision, in compliance with regulations of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners, and is evaluated based upon its effectiveness.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

Performs dental examinations on patients in clinics and charts preliminary diagnostic evaluations.

Sets up and takes radiographs and provides preliminary interpretations, reviewing radiographic studies and charts as required.

Performs prophylactic and preventive treatment for special populations and trains young mentally and physically handicapped patients to accept dental care.

Plans and provides dental education programs for both children and adults in special settings.

May supervise clerical staff, assistants, and less skilled hygienists in the absence of a dentist.

Willingly and cooperatively performs tasks and duties which may not be specifically listed in the class specification or position description, but which are within the general occupational category and responsibility level typically associated with the employee's class of work.

### REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Good knowledge of techniques of all phases of dental hygiene.

Skill in performing dental examinations, prophylactic, and preventive treatment.

Ability to interpret radiographs and make preliminary diagnostic evaluations.

Ability to maintain clinical activity without direct supervision.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with patients including young patients and their parents.

Ability to speak before groups.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from an accredited two year school of dental hygiene approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, plus at least nine (9) months experience in clinical dental hygiene at the entry level, Dental Hygienist I.

### LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

Possession of a valid driver's license may be required at the time of appointment.

Possession of a valid license issued by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners to practice dental hygiene is required at the time of appointment.

Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification is required.

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