

DENTIST

NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible professional dental work as a dentist in providing dental care to patients, including preventative care, education, and dental treatment and referrals, as determined.

Work involves responsibility for the performance of professional scope of practice dental procedures to at-risk clients and families as a member of a professional dental team. Work also includes collaboratively working with the dental team members in providing clinical services and community based dental health programs, outreach, and follow-up services. These include the professional consultation and/or professional supervision for the members of the dental team per the dental scope of practice. Supervision is received from an administrative superior with work being reviewed through established quality control measures and performance outcomes.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Performs professional scope of practice procedures and referral services to at-risk clients and families, including directing other team members in carrying out dental treatment, referrals, and outreach services in conformance with professional standards, program policies and protocols.

Records patient-dentist transactions as they occur in the patient's dental record to accurately and completely reflect the professional ADA standards for record documentation.

Works collaboratively with the Division Manager and Dental Hygiene Supervisor in decision-making processes concerning the delivery of dental clinic and community outreach services.

Partners with the Division Manager and Dental Hygiene Supervisor in monitoring the delivery of services and data collection that reflects desired quality performance measures and outcomes.

Supports the Division Manager and Dental Hygiene Supervisor in monitoring and providing performance feedback of dental team members.

Provides feedback and mentorship to dental team members including UNMC dental and dental hygiene students and Southeast Community College dental assistants who are performing services at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Responsible for personal compliance with all applicable federal, state, local, and Department/Division regulations, procedures, and protocols that govern the practice of dentistry and the provision of dental care as well as those relating to, but not limited to, workplace safety, confidentiality, public health and personnel issues.

Collaborates effectively with interdisciplinary team members to improve service delivery and health outcomes for the Division and Department.

Participates in the delivery of community-based services, including consultation and professional supervision of dental team members according to the scope of practice for dentistry for the State of Nebraska.

Works collaboratively with the Division Manager and Dental Hygiene Supervisor to engage in other related and/or necessary tasks to achieve organizational and programmatic goals and objectives.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of public health principles and practices.

Considerable knowledge of modern education and preventive practices, techniques and philosophies as they relate to dental health programs and public health.

Considerable knowledge of the dental health and health care systems.

Some knowledge of at-risk population health and oral health issues.

Ability to help plan, formulate and execute dental public health programs, outreach and follow-up services within a multidisciplinary team.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective professional relationships with clients, team members, public officials, community dentists, and the general public.

Ability to present complex information and terminology in understandable, non-technical language.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from an accredited school of dentistry accredited by the Nebraska State Board of Dental Examiners with an unrestricted license to practice dentistry in the State of Nebraska with two years of clinical experience with knowledge of public health principles and practices or any equivalent combination of training and experience that would provide the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid dentist license by the State of Nebraska.

Must qualify to be credentialed with current Medicaid Care Organizations for 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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