

DENTAL HYGIENIST I

NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible professional dental work providing dental hygiene services and procedures per scope of practice and participating in dental health programs and outreach and referral services.

Work involves responsibility for performance of professional scope of practice dental procedures to high-risk clients and families as a member of a professional dental team. Work also includes acting as a dental health consultant to schools and community groups; demonstrating dental preventive and maintenance methods and procedures; and assisting in the development of dental health programs and educational materials. 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 dental procedures and outreach and follow-up services to high-risk clients and families as a member of a professional dental team.

Provides dental health assessments, referrals, care coordination and follow-up to individuals and high-risk populations that are at-risk for adverse health outcomes as a member of a professional dental team.

Documents and maintains appropriate client and program records reflecting treatment and services provided and client status; completes the necessary documents, forms, and reports according to program policies and protocols.

Demonstrates dental health preventive methods and procedures to clients, parents, guardians, school children, professional students, and the general public.

Acts as dental health consultant to schools and community groups and organizations; establishes and maintains effective working relationships with school personnel and the general public.

Assists in the development and evaluation of dental health programs and educational materials; participates in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of programmatic data; assures accurate and timely data collection and reporting processes.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of applications, practices and techniques of dental hygiene and the profession of dentistry per scope of practice.

Knowledge of the methods and techniques employed in preparing and disseminating dental health educational information.

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

Knowledge of dental health and health care systems.

Knowledge of the methods, practices and techniques used in ascertaining dental health problems and educational needs.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to understand and apply complex oral and written instructions.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with patients, co-workers, and general public.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a school for dental hygienists accredited by the Nebraska State Board of Dental Examiners.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Licensure as a Dental Hygienist or eligibility therefore by the State of Nebraska.

Possession of a valid driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.