

## DENTAL HYGIENIST II

### NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible professional dental work providing dental hygiene services and procedures per scope of practice and administrative work developing and implementing community based dental health programs, outreach and referral services.

Work involves responsibility for the 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 developing and implementing a variety of dental health programs; acting as a dental health consultant to schools, community organizations and other interested groups; providing presentations and educational resource materials for schools, community organizations and other interested groups; And providing community based dental health programs, outreach and follow-up services. Supervision is received from an administrative superior with work being reviewed through established quality control measures and performance outcomes. Employees in this classification use leadership skills and independent judgement when completing work assignments, but decisions are made in accordance with established practice and departmental policies and procedures. This classification is differentiated from the Dental Hygienist I by the development and implementation of community based dental health programs, outreach and follow-up services.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Performs professional scope of practice procedures, outreach and referral 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 high-risk populations individuals and families that are at-risk for adverse health outcomes as a member of a professional dental team.

Demonstrates new dental preventive methods and procedures to other dental hygienists, dental assistants, other Health Department personnel, and to the general public.

Develops community base preventive dental health programs, outreach and follow-up services; prepares and distributes dental health educational and informational materials; evaluates the effectiveness of programs and materials.

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.

Assists in the collection, analysis and interpretation of programmatic data, recommending opportunities for improvement in the delivery of dental health services; assures accurate and timely data collections and reporting processes.

Provides training, orientation, and education to staff, students, and other professionals in the community regarding program processes, program outcomes, and public health practice.

Acts as a dental health consultant to public health personnel, school personnel, and interested community groups and organizations; makes presentations on dental health topics to schools and community groups and organizations.

Develops and maintains cooperation between public, civic, professional and voluntary agencies engaged in dental health related activities.

Performs related work as required.

#### DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

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

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

Considerable knowledge of the dental health and health care systems.

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

Some knowledge of health equity and susceptible population issues.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to plan, formulate and execute public dental health programs, outreach and follow-up services.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients, co-workers, subordinates, public officials and the general public.

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

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a school for dental hygienists accredited by the Nebraska State Board of Dental Examiners and two years of experience as a dental hygienist; plus graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in dental hygiene, health education, adult education, or related field and two years of experience in community health education, school health education or adult education; or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills.

#### NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Licensure as a Dental Hygienist 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.