

DENTAL HYGIENIST

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Performs dental prophylactic treatments and examinations and instructs groups and individuals in care of teeth and mouth; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is dental work of a supportive nature which involves assisting dentists in health department clinics by performing examinations, fluoride treatments, taking x-rays, etc. The work is performed under the direct supervision of the clinic dentist.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Performs dental examinations, fluoride treatments, prophylaxis, etc.;

Takes dental x-rays;

Instructs patients in oral hygiene and dental care;

Assists dentist with direct patient treatment.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of modern dentistry; good knowledge of preventative oral hygiene and dental care; ability to perform dental examinations and prophylaxis; ability to take x-rays; ability to assist dentists in the treatment of patients, especially in a clinic setting.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: An Associate's degree in Dental Hygiene.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: New York State registration as a Dental Hygienist.