

DENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST II

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:

This is moderately complex technical work in performing expanded dental functions and in performing routine dental prophylaxis.

Employees in this class perform moderately complex expanded dental work independently on an ongoing basis and participate in the full range of complex technical duties under closer supervision.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK: (These examples do not list all the duties which may be assigned; any one position may not include all the duties listed.)

Performs moderately complex expanded dental techniques as specified and directed by a dentist; debride, base, medicate, fill and restore dental preparation as designed and cut by a dentist; insert, work and contour material of choice into the occlusion as indicated; place stainless steel crowns as prepared by a dentist.

Provides oral prophylactic care to patients by examining, scaling, and polishing teeth and gums; recommends medications and treatments necessary for maintenance of good oral hygiene; administers fluoride treatments.

Sets up kits, instrumentation and materials for various surgical procedures such as: endodontic, routine extractions, impactions, root tip removals, biopsy, incision and drainage, sutures, foreign object removal, fracture, apicoectomies, pulpotomies, and post operative treatments; assists dentist in dental surgery and laboratory procedures.

Instructs patients on proper dental care and demonstrates procedures; consults or advises patients' parents relative to diet, positive dental habits and other dental related activities.

Takes, develops and mounts x-rays; records and charts all dental services provided.

Maintains dental instruments, equipment and materials.

Participates in dental research projects, training and educational programs.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of the accepted methods, techniques and practices of expanded dental functions.

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Knowledge of dental health care instruments, medication, equipment and materials used in the care and treatment of gums and teeth.

Ability to perform moderately complex expanded dental functions.

Ability to recognize needed dental treatment and recommend corrective action for proper oral hygiene care.

Ability to explain the steps in maintaining good oral hygiene.

Ability to prepare dental files, charts and related clerical duties.

Ability to work effectively with the public and employees.


Ability to communicate effectively, orally and writing.

Skill in the use and care of dental and related instruments and equipment.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

- a) Two years of experience in performing expanded dental functions and graduation from a recognized Dental Auxiliary Training Program or School of Dental Hygiene; or
- b) Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills.

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