



**JOB SPECIFICATION**  
**DENTAL HYGIENIST**

Code 22210  
Grade GS 54

***General Purpose***

Under general supervision, performs preventive dental health procedures and educates patients regarding the prevention and control of dental disease.

***Typical Duties:***

Participates and performs a variety of dental procedures. Involves: professionally cleans teeth including thorough scaling and polishing. Performs preventive dental health procedures such as pit and fissure sealant and topical fluoride applications to teeth surfaces. Exposes, develops and mounts dental X-ray films for diagnostic reading. Presents group instruction in dental care and conducts demonstrations with models in the proper methods of brushing teeth and gums. Advises children and adults on proper home care and treatment of teeth and gums. Maintains work area in clean, neat and sanitary condition. Cleans, sterilizes and assembles dental instruments following completed patient session.

***Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities***

- Application of considerable knowledge of modern methods and practices in the prevention of dental diseases, dental prophylaxis and public health dental programs.
- Application of considerable knowledge of the techniques used in cleaning and caring for human teeth.
- Application considerable knowledge of standard dental hygienist procedures and techniques.
- Application of good knowledge of techniques utilized to teach child patients in the proper care of teeth and gums.
- Application of good knowledge of public relations practices.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with health personnel, teachers, children, parents and the general public.

***Other Job Characteristics***

- Frequent exposure to chemicals, dust, grease, soiling of clothes and hand surfaces, and excessive noise and vibrations normally encountered in a dental clinic.
- Sitting in awkward positions, standing, walking, and lifting of light objects.
- Frequent exposure to communicable and /infectious diseases.
- Immunizations and PPD (TB) skin test are required as a condition of employment unless waived for religious or medical reasons.

***Minimum Qualifications***

Education and Experience: Associates Degree from an accredited school of dental hygiene.

Licenses and Certificates: Licensed to practice as a Dental Hygienist in Texas by the State Board of Dental Hygiene which includes certification in dental radiology and the application of pit and fissure sealant. Texas Class "C" Driver's License or equivalent from another state.