

**ROWAN COUNTY
HUMAN RESOURCES**

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title : Dental Hygienist II
Department: Health
Revised : February 2016

Class : Technician
FLSA : Non-exempt

This job description supersedes any prior description for the Dental Hygienist II classification.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Technical dental work in examining, cleaning, and instructing patients on the general care of the teeth. Employee serves as a consultant for dental health for public health personnel, school personnel, and civic groups. This position is supervised by the Dentist and work is reviewed while in progress and upon completion through observation, records, and reports.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS (Any one position may not include all of the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all tasks which may be found in positions of this class.)

Examines teeth of patients and makes referrals to the Dentist if special professional care is indicated.

Applies topical fluorides and performs dental prophylaxis in the prevention of dental disease; records findings and maintains records on dental status and services rendered to patients.

Instructs patients on the proper care of teeth and recommends measures for the prevention of dental disease.

Assists the Dentist in planning and implementing dental health programs; evaluates, develops, and distributes educational materials.

OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS

Performs related duties as required.

Management reserves the right to add or amend duties at any time.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Considerable knowledge of and skill in the application of the techniques and practices of dental hygiene.

Considerable knowledge of technical procedures and office protocol.

Knowledge of educational theory and techniques in preparing and disseminating dental health educational information.

Ability to secure the cooperation of the patient and to elicit required information.

Ability to follow oral and written instructions and to interpret and maintain records and reports.

Ability to deal tactfully and professionally with the public and to exercise good judgment in appraising situations

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and making decisions.

Skill in the performance of technical services to patients.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with patients, professional and support personnel, community and civic groups, and the general public.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Work is primarily sedentary in nature. Physical requirements include sitting for extended periods of time, walking, bending, stooping, and lifting books and files of approximately 35 lbs or less. Work may include extended periods of time viewing a computer video monitor and/or operating a keyboard. Work may include operation of a motor vehicle. Employee is not substantially exposed to adverse conditions or hazardous materials.

EXPOSURE CONTROL

Work is likely to cause direct contact with blood or body fluids to which universal precautions apply. Personal protective equipment should be available and worn.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in Dental Hygiene; or an Associate's Degree and two years of experience in dental hygiene or health education, and a license to practice as a dental hygienist in the State of North Carolina.

**This job description does not create an employment contract,
implied or otherwise.**