

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



When the discussion of the ideal employee arises, the obvious items that bubble to the surface revolve around whether or not they can perform their duties in a competent manner. An employer may dream that both the mentality and practice of said employee is such that they would never hear them say, “that is not my job”, when asked to do things that are outside of their job description. A team player is one whose presence improves and whose absence diminishes the team’s overall efficiency, quality, and performance. Patricia Curtis is this employee.

Patricia is punctual, considerate, focused, and competent and she is willing to go the extra mile to make sure that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one. The Rowan County Health Department is certainly better with Patricia on the dental team, and her invaluable service to the public has helped the dental clinic through dark times, and doing so by having the creed that her job description is not necessarily set in stone when the need arises. Nothing speaks louder to this than the day Patricia was encountered in the sterilization area wearing a disheveled protective gown over her uniform, moving back and forth between stations seemingly desperate and flustered in trying to clean and sterilize dental instruments which had been piling up for hours. Although the clinic was extremely short staffed on this particular day, the mere knowledge that Patricia’s area of expertise being the front office begged the question, “Patricia, are you sure you should be doing that?” To which she turned, and answered curtly, “Well someone has to do it!”

Thank you, Patricia, for your service!

Rowan County



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.