

DENTIST I

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

This is professional dental work in improving the dental health of patients in institutions, clinics, or public health facilities in the Department of Human Resources.

Employees work with local health agencies and schools in promoting dental health education and in providing dental care and treatment for patients. Work may include supervising and training dental assistants in nomenclature and use of all dental instruments required in the performance of general dentistry including pedodontics, prosthetics, operative dentistry, and oral surgery. Work requires independent professional responsibility and is performed under the general supervision of a dental services director, agency director, or regional director.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES PERFORMED

Examines and determines need for dental treatment of patients; treats patients by performing work required to establish and maintain good dental health of the patient.

Prepares and delivers talk to public agencies, county commissioners, and other community groups for the purpose of explaining the agency's dental health program and to stimulate interest in community dental health problems.

Helps institute good oral hygiene practices; participates in staff and scientific conferences; advises on and helps evaluate procedures followed in the dental clinic.

Attends meetings of professional societies and presents talks to civic clubs, representatives of state agencies, and other organizations to outline and explain the State's program for providing dental services to patients and the community.

Participates in school education work with teachers and students.

Cooperates with dental, medical, and nursing societies in stimulating interest in dental health programs and projects.

Performs related duties as required.

RECRUITMENT STANDARDS

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Thorough knowledge of modern dentistry and recent developments in the field of dentistry.

Some knowledge of community health problems.

Ability to perform dental work and treatments involved in the control of mouth diseases among children and adults.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with parents, teachers, and other appropriate groups in the community and institutions.

Ability to prepare and deliver lectures on dental health education to various interested groups.

Ability to perform dental work of a professional and independent nature.

Ability to supervise and train dental assistants and residents.

Minimum Education and Experience

Licensed to practice dentistry in the State of North Carolina.

Special Note

This is a generalized representation of positions in this class and is not intended to identify essential functions per ADA. Examples of work are primarily essential functions of the majority of positions in this class, but may not be applicable to all positions.