

DENTAL HYGIENIST

DEPARTMENT: Tioga Co. Public Health Department
CLASSIFICATION: Competitive
SALARY: CSEA – Salary Grade VIII
ADOPTED: 1995; Revised 7/00, 9/01, Tioga Co. Personnel & Civil Service

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves performing prophylactic work on patients in a County Dental Clinic or School. Under general supervision, the incumbent in this position is responsible for rendering oral hygiene service and education to pediatric, geriatric and other groups of patients. The incumbent assists in operative and surgical cases and other dental procedures. Assists in evaluation of patients' oral and general health. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

- ◆ Examines patients teeth for evidence of dental disease and deviations from normal and recommends dental treatment, charts cavities and prepares records;
- ◆ Performs dental hygiene clinical services including dental sealant application;
- ◆ Scales and polishes patients teeth, removes stains by applying rotating brush, administers sodium fluoride treatment;
- ◆ Advises patients on proper diet, care and proper brushing of teeth, discusses oral hygiene of children with parent by phone, clinic or home visits, for follow-up care;
- ◆ Gives group lectures in dental hygiene, prepares lesson outlines and lectures for school children, parents and nurses using posters, slides, models or motion pictures;
- ◆ Conducts toothbrush classes to train children in correct method of brushing teeth;
- ◆ Compiles and prepares follow-up records, defect notices, monthly reports for Health Department and statistical data for State Dental Sealant Programs;
- ◆ Prepares fluoride for distribution to schools and child health clinics;
- ◆ Attends regular meetings on Dental Hygiene (School Program).

FULL PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of principles, procedures and terminology of dental hygiene; knowledge of special problems of child dental hygiene; good knowledge of nutrition as related to dental hygiene; ability to maintain dental charts and records; ability to prepare detailed reports; ability to get along well with others; ability to read and interpret dental histories and dental charts; initiative and resourcefulness; dependable; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associates degree or higher in Dental Hygiene.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

- a) Eligibility for a license to practice as a Dental Hygienist issued by the New York State Education Department at the time of application and possession of such license at the time of permanent appointment.
- b) Possession of a current CPR certification.
- c) Certain assignments made to employees in this class will require reasonable access to transportation to meet field work requirements made in the ordinary course of business in a timely and efficient manner.