

**MICHIGAN CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
JOB SPECIFICATION**

DENTAL HYGIENIST

JOB DESCRIPTION

Employees in this job serve as dental hygienists with responsibility for conducting oral examinations, performing dental prophylaxis, and carrying out other duties related to preservation of dental health and prevention of dental disease.

There is one classification in this job.

Position Code Title – Dental Hygienist-E

Dental Hygienist E11

This is the experienced level. The employee performs a full range of dental hygienist assignments in a full-functioning capacity. Work is performed under the supervision of a licensed dentist and considerable independent judgment is required to provide appropriate dental services.

JOB DUTIES

NOTE: The job duties listed are typical examples of the work performed by positions in this job classification. Not all duties assigned to every position are included, nor is it expected that all positions will be assigned every duty.

Performs oral prophylaxis on patients, scaling, root planing and polishing the teeth to remove stains, plaque, and calculus from tooth surfaces using hand scalers, ultrasonic cleaning instruments and motor- or air-driven dental polishers.

Examines the mouth to determine if there are dental problems such as conditions of periodontal disease or tooth decay, charts findings, and reports same to dentist.

Instructs residents or prisoners in proper methods of tooth brushing and flossing techniques, care and cleaning of dentures, maintenance of oral health, and/or proper usage of non-prescription medication.

Creates and maintains dental treatment charts and records.

Exposes and processes dental radiographs using bite wings, periopical films, and related equipment; reads dental radiographs and alerts dentist to observations.

Assists dentist at chairside during restorative, surgical, and endodontic procedures.

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Practices and maintains proper infectious disease control procedures, including cleaning and sterilization of dental instruments and disinfection of dental equipment.

Maintains dental instruments and equipment in proper working order; follows procedures to maintain security of medications, instruments, and needles.

Schedules dental appointments and maintains appointment records.

Applies topical fluorides, topical anesthetics, and desensitizing agents to teeth and/or gums.

Types charts, orders inventory, and performs related dental office duties.

Removes periodontal and surgical packs and sutures.

Conducts health screening of incoming prisoners by performing an oral examination, taking panoramic x-rays, examining and charting existing dental conditions, determining if patient needs emergency treatment, and refers patient to dental clinic.

Performs related work as assigned.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Considerable knowledge of equipment and procedures used in dental prophylactic treatments.

Considerable knowledge of dental terminology and equipment.

Considerable knowledge of techniques of chairside assistance.

Considerable knowledge of dental laboratory procedures.

Some knowledge of methods and procedures of providing dental care for hospital residents and prison inmates.

Skill in dental hygiene techniques and in the use of the tools and equipment of the dental hygienist profession.

Ability to evaluate the dental status of patients.

Ability to instruct residents and prisoners in oral hygiene procedures.

Ability to maintain records and prepare reports related to the work.

Ability to communicate effectively.

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Working Conditions

Jobs are located in correctional, mental health, or juvenile detention facilities.

Jobs require direct contact with residents and prisoners.

Physical Requirements

None.

Education

Possession of an associate's degree in dental hygiene.

Experience

Two years of experience as a dental hygienist.

Special Requirements, Licenses, and Certifications

Licensure by the Board of Dentistry as a registered dental hygienist.

The Department of Corrections will not hire individuals who have been convicted of a felony or who have felony charges pending, in accordance with Public Act 140 of 1996.

NOTE: Equivalent combinations of education and experience that provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities will be evaluated on an individual basis.

JOB CODE, POSITION TITLES AND CODES, AND COMPENSATION INFORMATION

Job Code
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Job Code Description
Dental Hygienist

Position Title
Dental Hygienist-E

Position Code
DENTLHYG

Pay Schedule
L32-011