

NO RTEC JOB SPECIFIC SKILLS COMPETENCY

DENTAL HYGIENIST (Registered)

DOT: 078.361-010 SVP 6

Job Description: Performs dental prophylactic treatments and instruct groups and individuals in the care of teeth and the mouth. Depending on state laws, dental hygienists may perform other patient treatments. Physical Demands - Mildly active w/light lifting, carrying, or moving (up to 20 lbs); General Educational Development - R4 M3 L4; Aptitudes - Above average General Learning Ability, Spatial, Motor Coordination, Finger Dexterity, and Manual Dexterity - Average Verbal, Numerical, and Form Perception.

Experience Requirements: Graduate of an accredited school of dental hygiene in the United States of America, Canada or Puerto Rico. If graduated outside of California, must provide proof of having completed approved courses nitrous oxide sedation, periodontal soft curettage and local anesthesia.

CORE SKILL COMPETENCIES/INDICATORS:

1. Can pass the National Board written exam, and California Clinical Examination for Registered Dental Hygienist.
Note: This is a mandatory item and requires achievement documentation, not just rating (Pre-test deficiency = No; Post-test proficiency = Yes)
2. Can demonstrate knowledge of anatomy/physiology, dental anatomy, histology, periodontology, chemistry, microbiology, oral pathology, basic nutrition, dental materials, first aid, pharmacology, radiology, clinical dental hygiene, and general dental assisting procedures. (R, IN, S, T)
3. Can demonstrate knowledge of periodontal therapies such as root planing, micro-ultrasonics and soft tissue curettage. (R, S, T)
4. Can demonstrate ability to identify and utilize modern dental equipment/instruments, and radiographic equipment. (R,IN,S,T)
5. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to take and record medical and dental histories. (R,IN,S)
6. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to expose, process and mount dental X-ray film. (R,IN,S,T)
7. Can demonstrate proper procedures involved in preparing patients for examination, treatment, or dental surgery. (R,I,S)
8. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to take and record vital signs. (IN,S)
9. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to examine the conditions of mouth and teeth and chart the results. (IN,S)
10. Can demonstrate ability to prepare clinical and laboratory diagnostic tests for interpretation by dentist (R, IN, S)
11. Can demonstrate the ability to perform the proper techniques of dental prophylaxis: cleans calcareous deposits, accretions and stains from teeth and beneath margins of gums. (R,S,T)
12. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to apply anesthetics and cavity prevention agents to teeth and gums. (R,S,T)
13. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to place, carve, and finish amalgam restorations. (R, S, T)
14. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to place a base, a liner, or a temporary sedative dressing into a prepared tooth. (R, S, T)
15. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to place and remove rubber dams, matrices, orthodontic separators, and temporary restorations. (R, S, T)
16. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to prepare dental compounds. (R,S,T)
17. Can demonstrate proper technique used to remove excess cement from supragingival surfaces with a hand instrument or floss. (R, S, T)
18. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to pour, trim, and polish impressions and molds for study casts. (R, S, T)
19. Can demonstrate proper technique for obtaining endodontic cultures. (R, S, T)
20. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to fabricate temporary restorations. (R, S, T)
21. Can demonstrate proper techniques used for removing sutures and applying/removing post extraction dressings. (R,S,T)
22. Can demonstrate knowledge of common post-operative procedures, and instruct patients in same. (IN, I, S)
23. Can demonstrate proper techniques for administering anesthesia and nitrous oxide. (R, S, T)
24. Can demonstrate proper technique used to examine lymph nodes under patients chin to determine swelling or tenderness that could indicate presence of oral cancer. (I, R, S, T)
25. Can demonstrate proper techniques used to maintain and sterilize instruments, equipment, and room. (R, S,T)
26. Can demonstrate ability to instruct patients in plaque control and dental hygiene as well as other dental health education activities within the community. (IN, I, S)
27. Can identify and apply knowledge of Industry safety standards, and emergency procedures. (R, IN, I, S, T)

28. Can identify and apply knowledge of legal/ethical aspects of dentistry. (R, IN, I, S)
29. Can demonstrate an ability to communicate clearly and effectively. (IN, I)
30. Can demonstrate ability to deal with people beyond giving and receiving instructions. (I)