



Dental Hygienist I

Salary Group: B21
Class Code: 4489

| CLASS TITLE | CLASS CODE | SALARY GROUP | SALARY RANGE |
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| DENTAL HYGIENIST I | 4489 | B21 | \$51,278 - \$82,901 |
| DENTAL HYGIENIST II | 4490 | B23 | \$58,184 - \$94,913 |

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs complex (journey-level) dental work. Work involves cleaning, scaling, and polishing teeth, and conducting educational programs for the prevention and control of dental disease. Works under general supervision, with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Cleans, scales, and polishes teeth.

Applies preventive dental care treatment drugs to surface tissues and exposed surfaces of teeth and applies and administers local anesthetic agents as needed.

Charts conditions of decay and disease for diagnosis and treatment by dentist.

Exposes, develops, and mounts x-ray film.

Provides instruction on proper dental care techniques.

Maintains records of services rendered and prepares reports of activities.

Makes impression for study cast.

May apply pit and fissure sealant to teeth.

May examine gums to locate periodontal recessed gums and signs of gum disease.

May provide educators with dental health education materials and recommend project content in developing school dental health programs.

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in dental hygienist work. Graduation from a recognized and accredited school or college of dentistry or dental hygiene approved by the State Board of Dental Examiners is generally preferred.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of dental disease prevention techniques, dental prophylaxis techniques and procedures, and public health dental programs.

Skill in the use of dental tools and equipment.

Ability to clean and care for human teeth; to instruct patients in the proper care of teeth and gums; to expose, develop, and mount x-rays; and to communicate effectively.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

Must be licensed as a dental hygienist by the State of Texas.