



Dental Hygienist II

Salary Group: B23
Class Code: 4490

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

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs highly complex (senior-level) dental work. Work involves cleaning, scaling, and polishing teeth, and conducting educational programs for the prevention and control of dental disease. May supervise the work of others. Works under limited supervision, with considerable 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.

May supervise the work of others.

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; to communicate effectively; and to supervise the work of others.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

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