



## Dental Hygienist

### POSITION SUMMARY

The position of dental hygienist will work along with dental providers and dental assistants to address the oral health needs in patient of all ages in a community health setting. The dental hygienist works under the supervision of licensed dental providers. Working in close proximity with patients, the dental hygienist will perform basic dental care tasks, focused on keeping patient's teeth and gums clean and providing oral hygiene education.

### PRIMARY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Completes dental prophylaxis by removing calculus and plaque (hard and soft deposits) and stains from teeth and from beneath gum margins.
- Applying preventive materials to the teeth (e.g., sealants and fluorides)
- Prepares treatment room for patient by adhering to prescribed procedures and protocols.
- Prepares patient for dental hygiene treatment by welcoming, soothing, seating, and draping patient.
- Provides information to patients and employees by answering questions and requests.
- Maintains instrumentation for dental hygiene treatment by sharpening, sterilizing, and selecting instruments.
- Selects materials and equipment for dental hygiene visit by evaluating patient's oral health.
- Detects disease by completing oral cancer screening; feeling and visually examining gums; using probes to locate periodontal disease and to assess levels of recession
- Taking and developing radiographic studies.
- Arrests dental decay by applying fluorides and sealants
- Educates patients by giving oral hygiene and plaque control instructions
- Documents dental hygiene services by recording vital signs and medical and dental histories; charting in patient records.
- Maintains patient confidence and protects operations by keeping information confidential.
- Maintains safe and clean working environment by complying with procedures, rules, and regulations.
- Protects patients and employees by adhering to infection-control policies and protocols.
- Contributes to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed.
- Other duties as assigned

#### *Operational Excellence*

- Works to maintain a LEAN approach to work in their role

#### *Relationship Management*

- Develop collaborative relationships with fellow dental colleagues and those in other departments both internal and external

### POSITION REQUIREMENTS

#### *Education*

- High school diploma or GED

#### *Qualifications and Key Skills*

- WA State dental hygiene license

- CPR or BLS certification required
- Experience preferred but new grads welcome
- Dentrrix and Dexis experience a plus
- Compassionate demeanor
- Interest in working with community health center a plus
- Organized and detail oriented
- Patient-centered focus
- Uphold the mission, values, and principles of the organization
- Create and maintain a positive culture.

*Physical/Environmental*

- Normal accessibility and mobility throughout the region required.
- Normal overtime/extended work hours.

✓ This is a full time position.

✓ Compensation is dependent upon qualifications and experience.

➤ We are an FQHC and are tasked with providing a quality health care experience for all members of the community.

✓ We offer benefits including: 401(k) employer contributions; Life, Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance; HRA, FSA and DCAP; Short and Long-Term Disability Insurance; paid holidays and earned Paid Time Off.

**If interested in this position submit Cover Letter and Resume to: [resumes@nohn-pa.org](mailto:resumes@nohn-pa.org)**