

DENTIST 1**Nature of Work**

Under general supervision, performs work at the full-performance level by practicing dentistry in a state health facility or public health clinic. Provides direct-patient care dental services for children or residents of a facility. Provides oral hygiene training. May develop, plan, implement, and evaluate dental education programs. Has considerable latitude to vary methods and procedures within the limits of the profession. Provides administration oversight as necessary. May supervise para-professional and other positions. Performs related work as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Work at this level is standard professional dentistry which does not extend to the practice of maxillofacial dentistry and prosthodontics. Primary duty beyond general dentistry is involvement in community dental health.

Examples of Work

Examines patients to determine dental treatment needs; plans and implements required treatments; enters findings and treatments on patients' permanent records.

Restores decayed teeth; extracts teeth which are beyond repair.

Takes impressions for prosthodontics replacements.

Cleans teeth.

Prepares and delivers talks to public agencies, professional societies; civic groups, and others to explain and promote dental health and education programs.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of modern dentistry and recent developments in the field.

Knowledge of the factors constituting an adequate public dental program.

Knowledge of dental hygiene teaching methods and aids.

Skill in the practice of general dentistry, such as filling or extracting teeth and treating gum disease.

Ability to promote dental program by working with professional and community groups.

Ability to provide factual materials to aid teachers and school nurses in preparing dental health study units.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with parents, teachers, and other appropriate groups

in the community and in institutions.
Ability to prepare and deliver lectures on dental health
education to interested groups
Ability to oversee the work of others.

Minimum Qualifications

TRAINING Graduation from an accredited school of dentistry.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT Applicant must have a permanent or
temporary license to practice dentistry in West Virginia.

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