

**DENTIST 2****Nature of Work**

Under general supervision, performs work at the full-performance level by practicing maxillofacial and prosthetic dentistry in a state health facility or clinic. Provides routine and specialized dentistry to clients. Has considerable latitude to vary methods and procedures within the limits of the profession. Provides administrative oversight as necessary. May supervise professional, paraprofessional and other positions. Performs related work as required.

**Distinguishing Characteristics**

Work at this level is standard professional dentistry which with an emphasis on maxillofacial dentistry and prosthodontics. Acts in a consultative capacity in these areas. Does not involve community health.

**Examples of Work**

- Examines patients to determine dental treatment and maxillofacial reconstruction needs.
- Restores decayed teeth; extracts teeth which are beyond repair.
- Records positions of jaws and other oral structures to determine size and shape of required dental prostheses; takes impressions and prosthodontics.
- Replaces teeth and corrects deformations of mouth and jaws using various dental appliances and instruments.
- Serves as consultant to staff and field personnel regarding maxillofacial prosthetic services.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

- Knowledge of modern dentistry and recent developments in the field.
- Knowledge of modern prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthetic techniques and procedures.
- Knowledge of pathology and medicine pertaining to dentistry.
- Skill in the practice of maxillofacial and prosthetic dentistry, such as filling or extracting teeth and fitting dental prostheses.
- Ability to oversee the work of others.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with patients and clinical staff.

**Minimum Qualifications**

**TRAINING:** Graduation from an accredited school of dentistry.

**EXPERIENCE:** Three years of full-time or equivalent part-time paid experience in the operation of a dental clinic or major dental program.

**OR**

Three years of advanced dental experience and training in prosthodontics and maxillofacial techniques.

**NOTE:** Must have a permanent or temporary license to practice dentistry in West Virginia.

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