

ORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

JOB PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

Plans, develops, implements, promotes and evaluates dental health education programs. Works independently to identify dental hygiene needs within the community, develops prescriptive and educational programs to meet those needs. This is a single classification and not currently part of a series. The position in this class has considerable contact with school officials, oral health care providers and other health care professionals in the community.

KEY OR TYPICAL TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Works with school administrators, teachers, parent-teacher organizations, parents and volunteers to implement and continue fluoride mouth rinse programs in the schools
- Works with various schools, social service agencies and others to promote the development and provision of dental health education programs and curricula
- Organizes volunteers from among dental health professionals and others to conduct educational and clinical activities
- Participates in community efforts to improve access to dental health services for low-income residents
- Collects data regarding rates of dental disease, services performed, fluoridation levels, and plans activities in response to demonstrated need.
- Monitors program budget, reviewing and recommending approval of program expenditures
- Plans and develops campaigns to develop oral health programs including public service announcements

QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience: Graduation from an accredited school of dental hygiene. Two years of increasingly responsible experience which provides the knowledge, skills and abilities required by the position. Any satisfactory equivalent combination of experience and training which ensures the ability to perform the work may be substituted.

Knowledge of

- Principles and practices of program planning, development and evaluation
- Community health education practices and techniques
- Principles, techniques, terminology, and practices of dental hygiene
- Normal and abnormal conditions of the mouth

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- Community health organizations and agencies concerned with dental health
- Preventative dental health services.

Ability to

- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with professional and lay groups
- Speak effectively before groups and present information in a clear and concise manner
- Organize dental hygiene and other public health dental activities, using volunteers
- Obtain a valid driver's license
- Obtain a license in the State of Washington as a Dental Hygienist

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