



CLASSIFICATION NO. 579
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DENTIST

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

Under general direction, to provide professional dental health care and treatment services in a County dental health clinic; to provide instruction and guidance to dental clinic staff; and to do other work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

The Clackamas Health Centers Division within the Department of Health, Housing and Human Services is a Federally Qualified Health Center that offers primary care, dental services and behavioral healthcare at multiple primary care, behavioral health, and school-based health centers.

The Dentist is a licensed doctor of dental surgery. The incumbent provides professional services to division clients and assistance to division staff to ensure appropriate and quality patient care. The Dentist also participates in evaluating and improving County dental services and operations.

The Dentist differs from the Public Health Physician, a State-licensed medical doctor providing professional medical services for clients in a health center.

TYPICAL TASKS

Duties may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Performs professional dental and oral surgical services for patients served by the clinic; provides consultation to clinic staff to establish dental treatment plans for patients; examines and diagnoses oral conditions; restores various lesions with appropriate filling materials; extracts non-restorable teeth.
2. Treats infections and diseases of the oral cavity; prescribes appropriate medications; administers anesthesia; examines for, prepares and fits prosthetic appliances.
3. Provides triage and treatment of patients requiring emergency dental care, such as fillings and extractions.
4. Performs outpatient oral surgery involving extraction of impacted teeth, biopsy of oral tissues, preprosthetic surgery and reduction of facial fractures.

5. Provides technical guidance and assistance to dental clinic staff, including dental assistants and students; provides instruction in the prevention and control of oral diseases; instructs staff in the maintenance of accurate dental examination and treatment records.
6. Maintains strict asepsis controls to prevent transmission of communicable diseases; maintains strict controls over the dispensing and use of toxic materials and prescription drugs; recommends and /or requisitions appropriate dental materials, supplies and equipment.
7. Represents the division's dental clinic to various local, state and national groups; assists in the development of dental clinic operational policies, procedures and practices; participates in staff conferences to review and improve the dental clinic and County dental care services.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of: Principles, practices and procedures of dentistry, oral medicine and anesthesiology; methods and techniques of preventive and restorative dentistry and oral hygiene; methods and techniques of dento-alveolar surgery; issues of medical ethics and liability.

Working knowledge of: Principles, practices and objectives of public health, health care programs and services provided by local public and private agencies; modern office procedures and methods; principles and procedures of record-keeping and reporting; report preparation techniques; basic techniques of supervision and training.

Skill to: Effectively perform all required dental procedures and preventive dental care activities on adults, adolescents and children in a culturally sensitive manner for migrant and other underserved populations; diagnose, treat and control oral conditions and diseases; communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in writing; gain cooperation through discussion and persuasion; establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients, dental and other county staff, and various organizations.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum qualifications are used as a guide for establishing the minimum experience, education, licensure, and/or certifications required for employment in the classification. The following minimum qualifications are established for this classification. Additional minimum qualifications and special conditions may apply to a specific position within this classification and will be stated on the job announcement.

Experience: None required.

Licenses/Certifications:

The following licensure/certifications are required at the time of hire.

- License to practice dentistry in the State of Oregon.
- Basic Life Support (BLS) certificate.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

Must successfully pass a criminal history check which may include national or state fingerprint records check.

Must pass a pre-employment drug test.

Driving may be necessary for County business. For position(s) with occasional/incidental driving, incumbents must possess a valid driver's license. Accommodation requests for an acceptable alternative method of transportation will be reviewed on an individual basis in compliance with State and Federal legislation. For position(s) with regular driving, incumbent(s) must also possess and maintain an acceptable driving record throughout the course of employment.

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