

Water Street Mission Job Description

Dental Hygienist – Water Street Health Services

Summary: Responsible for providing dental hygiene treatment and clinic operation & maintenance to the WSHS dental patients.

FLSA: Full-Time, Exempt

Water Street All Mission staff must be:

- Willing to sign the Water Street Mission Statement of Faith
- A current member or regular attendee of a local church
- Able to fully support the Water Street Mission core values and mission philosophy

Essential Duties:

- Excellence in listening, building rapport with patients, showing compassion, and praying with patients before leaving their appointment.
- Responsibility over tracking patients' periodontal health by doing periodontal charting, prophies, scaling/root planings, perio maintenance visits within the scope of practice of a PA licensed hygienist.
- Current CPR/BLS certification
- Taking blood pressure and ensuring that medical histories are accurate and reviewed at each patient's hygiene visit.
- Keeping patient documentation up-to-date and completed by the end of each clinic day
- Taking radiographs when deemed appropriate.
- Tasks under direct supervision:
 - Placement of sub gingival agents
 - Periodontal probing, scaling, root planning, polishing or other procedures required to remove calculus deposits, accretions, excess or flash restorative materials and stains from the exposed surfaces of the teeth and beneath the gingiva
 - Administration of local anesthesia (with permit)
- Tasks under general supervision:
 - Evaluation of the patient to collect data to identify dental hygiene care needs.
 - Application of fluorides and other recognized topical agents for the prevention of oral diseases.
 - Conditioning of teeth for and application of sealants
 - Taking impressions of teeth for oral appliances.
 - Local anesthesia (with permit)
- Regular and timely consultation with the dentist regarding operations and clinical care including exams on appropriate hygiene patients.
- Operate on a treatment schedule that honors time with each patient and maintains the timely flow of care, minimizing wait times.
- Responsible for clinic opening and closing procedures and provide oversight and assistance to the dental assistant staff with cleaning, set-up and next day clinic preparation.
- Responsible for set-up and turnover of their own operatory, utilizing proper disinfection techniques as noted in the policy and procedures manual. The hygienist will assist the dental assistant staff with the set up and turnover of other operatories during the course of the clinic day when time permits.
- Assist in keeping dental lab cases up-to-date and processed by pouring models, taking impressions, and processing lab cases received and sent to outside labs
- Other responsibilities may include administrative duties assigned by the dentist or the VP of Water Street Health Services.
- Work in close cooperation with the dental team, providers, volunteers/students/staff
- Maintain good relationships with other professionals in our community
- May provide oral presentations with other members of the dental team at local dental events to help promote WSHS volunteerism.

Education/Experience

- PHDHP in addition to their RDH or Bachelor's of Dental Hygiene.
- Licensed and in good standing in the state of Pennsylvania to be either a RDH and/or PHDHP.
- Maintain required continuing education credits as required by the state of Pennsylvania
- Share applicable information learned at seminars and meeting with team
- Maintain membership in American Dental Hygienists Association

Equipment:

- High and slow hand pieces
- Cavitron/Prophy-jet
- X-ray equipment
- Digital Schick Sensors
- Computers (Dentrix and Visix Software Program)
- Laboratory Equipment
- Sterilization Equipment

Supervised By: Dentist of Water Street Health Services

Physical Demands: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. While performing the essential functions of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand, walk, or sit, use hands to finger, handle, or feel reach with hands and arms, stoop, or crouch, and is occasionally required to lift and/or move up to 35 pounds. May require occasional weekend or evening availability.

Christian Life: As an employee of Water Street Mission you are an important member of a Christian Missionary organization. All staff members are Christian missionaries and are required from time to time to participate in chapel services, outreach ministries, or counseling sessions. Because of the nature of these types of ministries, it is an absolute necessity that you possess and maintain a testimony or lifestyle that is above reproach. What you do on your own time may seriously affect your ability to perform these types of ministries, which are an important part of your job.