



DENTAL HYGIENIST (Per Diem) Immediate Availability

General Responsibility: To perform dental measures designed to preserve teeth and prevent the spread of oral disease. To assess dental condition and needs of patient using screening procedures, including medical history review, dental charting, and perio-charting.

Specific Responsibilities: Providing oral prophylaxis to remove calculus, accretions and stain from both supragingival and subgingival tooth surfaces by scaling and root planning; Providing oral health education, including oral cancer screening, teaching patients how to prevent tooth decay and gum disease; Applying pit and fissure sealants and topical fluoride treatments; Taking radiographs as directed by Dentist; Organizing, maintains and sets up treatment rooms, sterilization area and dental lab area on a daily basis; Setting up and breaks down the dental operatory before and after each use; Disinfecting and sterilizing of dental instruments, equipment, materials and supplies consistent with current infection control standards and Tri-Town infection control policies and procedures; Maintaining and assuring function of all dental equipment including X-ray units, X-ray processor, autoclave, ultrasonic cleaner, etc; Disposing of and preparing "red bag waste" for pick up by waste removal company; Recording clinical charting in electronic dental record as directed by Dentist; Making accurate, legible, complete and signed entries in the patient's handwritten or electronic dental record in accordance with Tri-Town policy and procedure; Protecting patient confidentiality at all times; Complying with all Tri-Town policies and procedures; Participating in continuing education programs, including one (1) annual training program on compliance with OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogen Standard, to satisfy the requirements of the RI State Board and the RI Dental Hygienists Association to maintain a RI Dental Hygiene license; Assisting Dentists and Dental Assistants as needed.

Education and Training: Graduation from a Dental Hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and approved by the RI State Board; Ability to attend to multiple tasks at the same time and to prioritize assignments and responsibilities to ensure compliance with established deadlines and protocols; Effective oral and written communication skills in English are required; Effective oral communication skills in a second language welcomed.

Licensure and Credentials: Certification as a Dental Hygienist; CPR/AED Certification at the healthcare provider level

Other Skills and Abilities: Requires a comprehensive knowledge of dental hygiene techniques and procedures for all phases of general dentistry. The Dental Hygienist must be a patient educator and promoter of optimum, oral health. Basic computer skills a necessity, working knowledge of digital radiography and paperless charting preferred. Expanded function ability, such as placing antimicrobials and administering local anesthetic agents preferred. The ability to work well with children and adults from a wide diversity of social, ethnic and economic backgrounds is necessary. The Hygienist must be able to creatively work with other healthcare professionals from a variety of disciplines to achieve maximal results for the Center's patient from a system of integrated primary health care. Must work a minimum of two (2) evening clinics per week and Saturdays on a rotating basis.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Send cover letter and resume to kvale@tricountyri.org; fax to HR at 1-855-372-4016 or mail to: Tri-County Community Action Agency: 1126 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919.

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