

DENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, provides information, education and counseling to prevent dental caries, periodontal disease and oral cancer in a community health setting. Performs related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

- Performs outreach and publicity through client contacts at clinics, health screenings and fairs, etc.
- Works as a consultant and team member with the Public Health staff.
- Coordinates and maintains ongoing fluoride tablet distribution to children of families whose home well supply is deficient in fluoride.
- Provides dental health education to children, pregnant women and others at WIC clinics.
- Provides dental health education at schools, community health centers, preschools and child care centers.
- Provides oral health education to senior groups and nursing home residents and staff.
- Interacts with the Dane County Dental Society.
- Distributes dental health education articles in day care and WIC newsletters.
- Coordinates public health dental programs.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Education and Experience: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene or in a field related to public health or public health administration and one year of dental hygienist experience with a public health or community health agency.

Knowledges and Abilities: Knowledge of dental health education in public health practice; have a working knowledge of public health philosophy and community dental health resources; ability to make observation and reports, both oral and written; ability to balance independent practice, team play and supervision by a public health nursing supervisor; ability to work with individuals and aggregate populations.

Special Requirements: State of Wisconsin dental hygienist license as of date of appointment; possession of or eligibility for a valid Wisconsin driver's license and access to reliable personal motor vehicle transportation.