

Oklahoma Department of Corrections
Unclassified Job Descriptor

DENTIST

Basic Purpose:

Under general direction, performs professional dental treatment in the planning and execution of a comprehensive program of preventive dentistry and by developing and administering a dental care and treatment program, including diagnostic, prosthetic, surgical, endodontic, periodontal, preventive, and restorative dentistry, for a state correctional institution or facility.

Typical Functions:

- Develops and administers a program of preventive dentistry within the institution; participates in the integration of the dental program with other programs of the institution.
- Determines the oral health of the patient and the adjacent structures through the use of visual, digital, and x-ray examinations. If pathology exists, a treatment plan is recommended and followed through with the necessary operative procedures to eliminate or control such pathology within the guidelines of the Department of Corrections.
- Evaluates oral pathology and makes appropriate referrals to oral surgery referral clinic.
- Supervises and/or administers prophylaxis and instruction in oral hygiene.
- Supervises and instructs dental assistants or other dental personnel in records and maintenance and care of equipment and quarters.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

Knowledge of the principles and practices of modern dentistry and oral hygiene, and of state legislation regarding the provision of dental services. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships; to develop programs within policy limits; to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; to apply improved techniques and procedures in all phases of the dental program; and to prepare and present educational programs.

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Education and Experience:

Statutorily Required: N/A

Minimum Qualifications: Licensure to practice dentistry in the state of Oklahoma and one (1) year experience in general dentistry preferred.