

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
CLASS SPECIFICATION

DENTAL HYGIENIST

POSITION CODE: 11700  
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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under general supervision, performs technical and advisory service in oral or dental hygiene, involving oral prophylaxis in a dental clinic or public welfare institution under supervision of a registered dentist; may perform educational and organizational work in promoting oral hygiene.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Sets up clinics; admits patients.
2. Instructs patients in the proper methods for carrying out dental hygiene.
3. Gives complete oral prophylactic service.
4. Assists dentist in administering sodium fluoride treatments for prevention of tooth decay.
5. Assists dentist in making dental x-rays.
6. Maintains records and makes reports of all activities of the clinic or dental department.
7. Assists in the training and teaching of dental assistants.
8. May consult with and advise hygienists employed in public health units.
9. May give talks before school children on nutrition and other health measures necessary to ensure proper dental development.
10. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

## DENTAL HYGIENIST (Continued)

### DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

#### Education and Experience

Requires knowledge, skill and mental development equivalent to completion of four years high school, supplemented by completion of two years college of dental hygiene.

Requires Illinois certificate as registered dental hygienist.

#### Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Requires thorough knowledge of approved principles and practices of dental and oral hygiene.

Requires ability to keep accurate and adequate records.

Requires ability to teach others in the principles of oral hygiene and importance of proper dental care.

Requires ability to carry out instructions given by dentist in charge and cooperate in working out dental program.