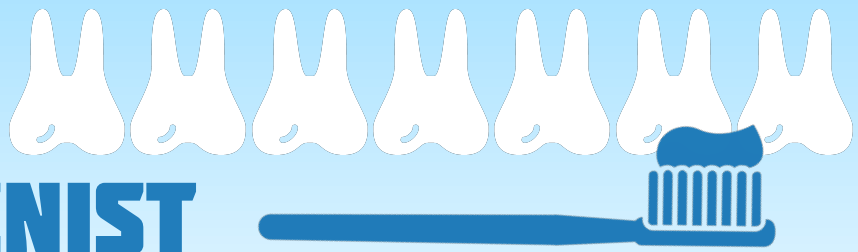


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DENTAL HYGIENIST







PEOPLE PERSON . BUILDER . ORGANIZER

EDUCATION NEEDED

-  Associate's degree in dental hygiene.
-  Pass Dental Hygiene National Board Examination.
-  Get licensed as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH).
-  Recommend Bachelor's degree in Science if you might want to continue with other careers related to RDH

THINGS TO DO HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

-  Take science classes.
-  Talk to your dental hygienist and dentist about the dental industry
-  Practice your social skills with different people
-  Learn Spanish






LAND YOUR 1ST JOB

- 1** Intern while you are in school. After your internship, see if there are openings at that practice. If not, ask for a reference letter or a referral. Use that letter when you are applying for other jobs. **REFERRALS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO SET YOU APART!**
- 2** Be willing to intern/work for free to show the dental office your worth.
- 3** Find and sign up with a local dental hygienist temp/staffing agency.

SKILLS NEEDED

- Compassion
- Manual dexterity
- Good with details
- Ability to put patients at ease
- Good communication skills

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN A PROGRAM

-  High percentage of graduates that passed the national board exam.
-  High percentage of graduates that passed the clinical licensing exam on the first try.
-  High percentage of students that found full-time employment within months of graduation.
-  Good network and alumni involvement to help students find internships and full-time employment
-  Respected faculty in the industry.

HOW TO STAY COMPETITIVE

- TECH**
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TRENDS
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EDUCATION
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MEETINGS
- Keep up with the technology.
- Read the trends, the health policies that are being introduced.
- Be up to date with preventative education.
- Attend meetings and continuing education sessions in your area.

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