

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves the performance of dental examinations, dental prophylaxes and administers instructions in dental hygiene and nutrition. The dental hygienist may be required to oversee the work of subordinate professionals or clerical employees. Most duties are performed on an independent basis under occasional guidance of a licensed dentist.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: *The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.*

Performs dental examinations and charts dental defects;

Performs prophylactic dental work, including the cleaning, polishing and scaling of teeth;

Gives oral hygiene instruction;

Makes referral for corrective dental care;

Maintains dental charts and records;

Performs related duties as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of dental hygiene and oral prophylactics; good knowledge of basic principles, practices and methods of dental health education; ability to establish and maintain effective inter-personal relationships; ability to prepare and maintain dental records, charts and reports; sound professional judgment; good hand and eye coordination.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have successfully completed a two year curriculum in dental hygiene as approved by the New York State Education Department **and** must possess current valid licensure and registration to practice as a Dental Hygienist issued by

the New State Department of Education.