

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional work involving responsibility for checking teeth and making necessary dental corrections for individuals. Work is performed under general direction of the Supervisor of Medical Services in accordance with the general policies of the Department. Some supervision may be exercised over the work of employees on the nursing staff.

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.*

Examines patients for dental problems through regular check-ups, dental x-rays and laboratory work;

Treats diseases of the teeth, mouth and gums;

Cleans, fills and polishes teeth;

Makes impressions for artificial dentures;

Instructs patients on dental health;

Keeps individual dental records for each patient

Makes reports on dental work in accordance with an established plan.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of dentistry; ability to conduct thorough dental examinations; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with patients; ability to instruct others in dental hygiene; conscientiousness; interest in maintaining a high standard of public service and professional ethics; and sound judgment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from a school of dentistry recognized by the State of New York.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS: Possession of a license to practice dentistry in the State of New York at the time of permanent appointment.