



POSITION DESCRIPTION

REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT – EXTENDED FUNCTION

REPORTS TO: Lead R.D.A.

SUPERVISES: None

POSITION SUMMARY: Under general supervision of the Lead R.D.A., the Registered Dental Assistant Extended Function (RDAEF) will function as a circulating assistant in chairside dental procedures. The RDAEF must be knowledgeable in all dentistry procedures, clinic infection control procedures, cleaning and sterilization of instruments, tray setup and materials. This position *may* require travel between Northern Valley Indian Health, Inc. sites to help fill temporary staffing vacancies and/or shortages.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS: Essential functions, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may include any of the following tasks, knowledge, skills, and other characteristics. The list that follows is not intended as a comprehensive list, but rather to provide a representative summary of the major duties and responsibilities. Incumbent(s) may not be required to perform all duties listed, and may be required to perform additional, position-specific tasks.

1. Ability to perform all phases of four (4) handed Registered Dental Assisting duties for endodontics, oral surgery, pedodontics, prosthodontics and restorative procedures.
2. Under the direct supervision of the Staff Dentists, possess the skills necessary to perform Registered Dental Assistant Extended Function duties including, but not limited to, preventive and restorative procedures as per State of California licensing guidelines.
3. Ability to perform standard and radiographic methods. Exposes, processes and mounts diagnostic radiographs.
4. Familiarity with dental terminology, materials, medications and instruments used during dental procedures.
5. Perform the following supportive tasks to ensure efficiency of patient flow:
 - a. Clean, sterilize instruments, and set up trays.
 - b. Stock and store all supplies and materials.
 - c. Maintenance and testing of equipment (sterilizer, x-ray dosimetry, x-ray processor, etc.) including daily lubrication of equipment.
 - d. Pouring up models and other lab procedures.
 - e. Instruct patients in oral hygiene and preventive dental education under the supervision of the dentist.
 - f. Inventory and reorder supplies as necessary to maintain par levels.
 - g. Documentation of exam findings in patient record.
 - h. Maintain clean, orderly and well stocked operatories and laboratory.
6. Ability to plan work duties to ensure dental clinic efficiency.
7. Knowledge of patient scheduling procedures.
8. Work in conjunction with Staff Dentists/Dental Coordinator to develop and implement preventive dental activities for the community.
9. Other duties as assigned by supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Current Registered Dental Assistant Extended Function (RDAEF) license issued by the State of California.
2. Coronal polish certification.
3. Radiation safety certification or completion of a radiation safety course approved by the California State Board of Dental Examiners.
4. High school diploma, or equivalent, GED.
5. Current CPR certification.
6. Valid California driver's license and proof of personal automobile insurance as required by California state law.
7. Indian Preference. Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Indian candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act (Title 25, U.S. Code Section 472 & 473). In other than the above, Northern Valley Indian Health, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Ability to read, analyze, and interpret common scientific and technical journals, financial reports, and legal documents. Ability to respond to common inquiries or complaints from customers, regulatory agencies, or members of the business community. Ability to effectively present information to top management, public groups, and/or boards of directors.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS: Ability to calculate figures and amounts such as discounts, interest, commissions, proportions, percentages, area, circumference, and volume. Ability to apply concepts of basic algebra and geometry.

REASONING ABILITY: Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Ability to interpret an extensive variety of technical instructions in mathematical or diagram form and deal with several abstract and concrete variables. Ability to apply principles of logical or scientific thinking to a wide range of intellectual and practical problems. Ability to deal with nonverbal symbolism (formulas, scientific equations, graphs, musical notes, etc.) in its most difficult phases. Ability to deal with a variety of abstract and concrete variables.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to communicate and listen. The employee frequently is required to stand; walk; sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; and reach with hands and arms. The employee occasionally must lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.

Employment with Northern Valley Indian Health is voluntarily entered into. All NVIH personnel are employed on an at-will basis. At-will employment may be terminated with or without cause, and with or without notice at anytime by the employee or by NVIH. No manager, supervisor, or employee of the organization has any authority to enter into an agreement for employment for any specified period of time or to make an agreement for employment other than at-will terms.

FLSA STATUS: Non-Exempt

DATE OF LAST REVIEW / REVISION: 01/2008

ASSIGNED SITE: Chico / Willows

Signature

Date