

## DENTAL ASSISTANT/HYGIENIST

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Medical and Public Health
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Dental Assistant/Hygienist assists dentists and oral surgeons in managing acute dental problems and with exams and procedures
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource.</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days</li> </ol>

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The Dental Assistant/Hygienist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Functions within the practitioner's (home state dental commission) scope of duties as a dental assistant or hygienist.</li> <li>2. Possesses basic and advanced skills to include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. hand instruments and materials to dentists, use of suction or other devices;</li> <li>b. sterilize and disinfect instruments and equipment, prepare tray setups for dental procedures, and instruct patients on postoperative and general oral health care;</li> <li>c. radiographic techniques; darkroom and processing techniques; and film mounting; expose radiographs and process dental x-ray film as directed by a dentist;</li> <li>d. prepare materials for making impressions and restorations</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Successful completion of state recognized course of instruction or completion of an accredited dental assistant program or dental hygiene program	Not Specified
<b>TRAINING</b>	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100</li> <li>2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents</li> <li>3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	Primary source verification of employment with a providing entity such as an established health care institution, system, agency, service or private practice.	Not Specified
<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified

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<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	<p>Certification: Successful completion of one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State-approved certification at this level</li> <li>2. RDH, EFDA, CDA, or RDA certification if required by the state of primary registration.</li> <li>3. Radiation Health and Safety examination offered by the DANB or state approved course in radiology.</li> </ol> <p>Licensing: Active status of legal authority to function as a dental assistant or dental hygienist without restrictions granted by a state, the District of Columbia, or U.S. territory</p>	Not Specified

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Position Qualification for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services  
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## NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

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