

# what can I do with a degree in... dental hygiene



## OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

- Dental Hygienist
  - College/University Professor\*
  - Dental Education Instructor\*
  - Dental Product Sales Representative
- \*Requires additional education and/or training*

## EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

- Private dental offices
- Dental schools
- Private and government hospitals
- State and local public health departments
- Clinics
- U.S. Armed Forces
- Public or school health programs

## TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES

- Remove soft and hard deposits from teeth
- Teach patients how to practice good oral hygiene
- Provide other preventative dental care
- Take and develop dental x-rays
- Perform root planning as a periodontal therapy
- Prepare clinical and laboratory diagnostic tests for dentists to interpret

## SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Flexibility in scheduling of work hours
- Licensed by the State
- Instructing others
- Work well with others
- Good manual dexterity
- High degree of accuracy

## INTERNET SITES AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Dental Assistant Jobs.com: [www.dentalassistantjobs.com](http://www.dentalassistantjobs.com)
- Information for Dental Students or New Dentists: <http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/newdent/index.html>
- Dental Resources: [www.dental-resources.com](http://www.dental-resources.com)
- Dental Workers: [www.dentalworkers.com](http://www.dentalworkers.com)
- Careers & Classifieds: Comprehensive Career Resources in Dentistry: [www.ada.org/prof/ed/careers/index.html](http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/careers/index.html)
- Dental Hygiene Brochure: [www.ada.org/prof/ed/careers/brochures/hygiene.html](http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/careers/brochures/hygiene.html)
- American Dental Association: [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)
- American Dental Hygienists' Association: [www.adha.org](http://www.adha.org)
- Dental Assisting National Board: [www.dentalassisting.com](http://www.dentalassisting.com)
- Indiana Dental Hygienists' Association: [www.indiana-hygienists.org](http://www.indiana-hygienists.org)
- Indiana Dental Association: [www.indent.org](http://www.indent.org)
- Academy of General Dentistry: [www.agd.org](http://www.agd.org)

## CAREER SERVICES RESOURCES

- Alternative Medicine (Planning your Career in), 1997, Dianne J. B. Lyons
- Caring People & Other Sensitive Types (Careers for), 1997, Adrian A. Paradis
- Exploring Health Care Careers (Volume 1), 1998, David Hayes
- Exploring Health Care Careers (Volume 2), 1998, David Hayes
- Great Careers in 2 Years: The Associate Degree Option, 2000, Paul Phifer
- Health Care (Careers in), 1997, Barbara Swanson
- Health Professions (Introduction to the), 1995, Peggy S. Stanfield
- Healthcare (Your Career in), 1996, Barron's
- Job Opportunities - Health and Science, 2000, Peterson's
- Job Opportunities for Health and Science Majors, 1999, Peterson's
- Plunkett's Health Care Industry Almanac, 1999-2000, Jack W. Plunkett