



**NORTH DAKOTA  
CLASS DESCRIPTION**

ND Human Resource Management Services  
Phone: (701) 328-3290

Class Code: 3320

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**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

GRADE F

**SCOPE OF WORK:**

Work involves assisting a dental hygienist or dentist in providing dental care to patients housed in North Dakota state facilities.

**DUTIES PERFORMED:**

- Prepare patient; sterilize and disinfect instruments, set up instrument trays and prepare materials; assist dentist during dental procedures.
- Obtain and record medical and dental histories and vital signs of patient; record treatment information in patient records.
- Participate in the provision of oral health care by providing tooth brushing and flossing instructions and techniques to patients and staff to ensure adequate dental care for patients.
- Clean patient's teeth; apply protective agents such as fluoride or pit and fissure sealants.
- Position and expose intraoral and extraoral dental radiographs to develop and produce quality X-rays.
- Create preliminary impressions of patient's teeth for study casts.
- Fabricate temporary restorations and custom impressions from preliminary impressions.
- Assist dentist in handling medical and dental emergencies.
- Schedule appointments, prepare bills if applicable, and maintain patient records.
- May clean and polish removable appliances.

**NOTE:** The duties listed are not intended to be all-inclusive. Duties assigned any individual employee are at the discretion of the appointing authority.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Requires a high school diploma or GED and a Certificate in Dental Assisting.

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