

DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: EAST FLORIDA
Classification: DENTAL ASSISTANT
Applicant Name:

<p>Dental Assistant: The Dental Assistant must have equivalent qualifications and competence as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility.</p>
<p>Definition of Care of Service: Dental Assistants assist dentists with procedures, maintain records and maintain dental instruments. Scope of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs and or manages the following safely and efficiently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with patients to make them comfortable in the dental chair and to prepare them for treatments and procedures ○ Prepare the work area for patients treatment by setting out instruments and materials ○ Help dentists by assisting during procedures ○ Keep patients' mouths dry by using suction hoses or other equipment ○ Instruct patients in proper dental hygiene • Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA Healthcare conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians
<p>Setting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, imaging centers, and physician practices
<p>Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct supervision by the physician/dentist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indirect supervision by the surgical department director, OR manager or designee <p>Evaluator: Surgical department director in conjunction with supervising physician or designee</p> <p>Tier Level: 3</p> <p>eSAF Access Required: YES</p>
<p>Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School diploma / GED or higher • American Heart Association or Red Cross health care provider BLS Certification <p>Preferred Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of a Dental Assisting program preferred • For the purpose of positioning and exposing radiographs by dental assistants, formal training may consist of having received certification as a dental radiographer <p style="color: red;">NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.</p>
<p>State Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
<p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 year of experience as a dental assistant

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Competencies

The Dental Assistant will demonstrate:

- Provides a safe environment for patients
 - Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
 - Labels all medications and solutions on surgical field in procedural settings
 - Participates in the preprocedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible
 - Participates in a time-out immediately before starting an invasive procedure or making the incision
- Basic aseptic technique
 - Applies surgical attire including scrubbing, gowning and gloving
 - Receives sterile equipment via circulating nurse using sterile technique
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
 - Coordinates case preparation
 - Lays out instrumentation and supplies to treat patients
 - Transfers instruments and supplies to surgeon accurately
 - Anticipates surgeon needs
 - Assists with care of instruments at end of case
- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) when required
 - Required immunizations per Division requirements
 - Complies with Isolation precautions
 - Maintains sterile field

References:

- American Dental Assistants Association; Dental assistants: Occupational Outlook Handbook: US Bureau of Labor Statistics
- United States Department of Labor U.S. Bureau of Statistics (2011) Dental Assistants; Retrieved from www.bls.gov

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Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____