### 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
- Information for Dental Students or New Dentists: http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/newdent/index.html
- Dental Resources: www.dental-resources.com
- Dental Workers: www.dentalworkers.com
- American Dental Association: www.ada.org
- American Dental Hygienists' Association: www.adha.org
- Dental Assisting National Board: www.dentalassisting.com
- Indiana Dental Hygienists’ Association: www.indiana-hygienists.org
- Indiana Dental Association: www.Indent.org
- Academy of General Dentistry: 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

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