

Dental Hygienist

Desert Senita Community Health Center is seeking a Dental Hygienist to join our team. Desert Senita Community Health Center is a Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQHC), with 2 sites in Ajo and Arizona City.

The ideal candidate will have the following education and experience:

- Incumbent must be currently licensed to practice as a dental hygienist in Arizona and must be certified as a radiographer in their field.

The ideal candidate will also possess the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- Responsible for providing routine and advanced prophylactic and therapeutic dental care to all patients including post-surgical, acute gingivitis and periodontal patients using a variety of scalers and ultrasonic equipment.
- Upon referral from the dentist, the dental hygienist examines patients' surrounding tissues and teeth to determine extent of abnormal condition requiring treatment. Plans dental hygiene treatment and series of appointments in accordance with existing conditions.
- Administers local anesthesia under the direct supervision of the dentist.
- Places sealants under the general supervision of the Dentist.
- Performs additional procedures such as records medical and dental histories, reviews patient's dietary habits, administers caries prevention agents, desensitizes root surfaces, root planning, takes and pours impressions for study casts, removes sutures and instructs patients in home care therapy and proper diet as it relates to oral health.
- Proficiency with computers and ability to learn the Nextgen/EDR dental software. Ability to type at least 30 wpm.
- Knowledge to set up a patient recall system to ensure follow-up treatment for patients involved in the dental program.
- Must have knowledge involving use of X-rays and must have had experience in taking X-rays.
- Actively supports and participates in chronic disease collaborative(s) and/or other re-engineering and quality improvement efforts, including testing and implementation of changes as appropriate
- Ability to develop and present oral lectures, demonstrations and visual displays to patient groups and clinical personnel.

Desert Senita Community Health Center (DSCHC) will recruit, hire, train, and promote persons in all job titles without regard to age, color, disability, gender (including gender identity), marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or other status protected by applicable law. In addition, all personnel actions such as compensation, promotion, demotion, benefits, transfers, staff reductions, terminations, reinstatement and rehire, company-sponsored training, education and tuition assistance, and social and recreational programs will be administered in accordance with the principles of equal employment opportunity.