

DENTAL HYGIENIST

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head and neck for signs of oral disease
- Record and review patient medical histories
- Expose and develop x-ray film
- Chart conditions of decay and disease for diagnosis and treatment by dentist
- Administer local anesthetic agents
- Remove sutures and dressings
- Make impressions for study casts

NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL WAGE INFORMATION

	Entry Level Hourly Wage	2016 Employment	Projected 2026 Employment
Capital Area	\$31.91	865	1,025
Texas	\$28.95	12,529	15,262
United States	\$25.54	207,900	248,900

WHAT JOB TITLES SHOULD I SEARCH FOR?

- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Specialists

WHERE COULD I WORK?

- Offices of Dentists
- Offices of Physicians

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED

WHAT TYPE OF EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING WILL I NEED?

Workers in occupations at this level can develop the skills needed for average job performance by completing a postsecondary non-degree award.

WILL I NEED A SPECIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION?

Many occupations prefer or require at least one certification for entry or advancement. The Texas Workforce Investment Council has indicated the following as Industry– Based Certifications for this occupation: Licensed Dental Hygienist.

Primary Data Sources: Texas Workforce Commission at texaslmi.com, JobsEQ at jobseq.eqsuite.com, Bureau of Labor Statistics at bls.gov, and CareerOneStop at careerinfonet.org , 2018, Nationwide data is for 2019

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CAPITAL AREA CAREER LADDER

* Also Included on Targeted Occupation List (PY 2021)

Dentist, General

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$49.65
- Median Level: \$81.82

131 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

Dental Hygienist

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$31.91
- Median Level: \$40.06

160 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

*Dental Assistant

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$14.91
- Median Level: \$18.80

289 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

Dental Laboratory Technician

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$11.25
- Median Level: \$19.08

43 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

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