



# Dental Hygienist

Koweta

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:** VA 24-212

**STARTING SALARY:** Negotiable

**CLOSING DATE:** Open Until Filled

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Muscogee Nation Department of Health (MCN Health) provides comprehensive health care services to Native Americans living within the Muscogee Nation. MCN Health is an integrated system of six health centers, an Express Care Clinic, three hospitals, a physical rehabilitation center and nine comprehensive community health programs. Offering services across the lifespan including pediatrics, family medicine, nursing, dental, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, behavioral health, emergency medical, audiology, nutrition, physical therapy, and optometry.

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**DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT:** The purpose of this position is to perform advanced prophylactic and preventive dental procedures in the treatment of a variety of patients ranging from healthy individuals to those with severe medical and dental problems, such as diabetes, cardiac complications, severe caries, and periodontal disease. Incumbent is under direct supervision of the Dental Supervisor. This position is located at the Koweta Indian Health Center in Coweta, OK.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Completion of a Dental Hygiene curriculum from an accredited institution. One (1) year of relevant experience as a dental hygienist is recommended but not required. Licensure or ability to be licensed to practice Dental Hygiene in the state of Oklahoma by the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry.

**EVALUATION METHODS:** Applicants who meet the requirements described above will be evaluated to determine the extent to which they possess or have the potential to acquire knowledge, skills, abilities, and personal characteristics, (KSAP's) required of this position. Applicants should address the following KSAP's on a separate attachment to their application.

- Knowledge of dental hygiene sciences such as oral anatomy, histology, nutrition pharmacology, the principles and techniques of dental hygiene, and the dental instruments and materials to perform specialized prophylactic and preventive dental hygiene procedures including scaling, root planning and subgingival curettage.
- Knowledge of oral pathology and periodontology sufficient to identify a variety of abnormal hard and soft tissue conditions such as acute gingivitis, periodontitis, and deep periodontal pockets, congenital and developmental defects, infectious diseases, and provide the necessary appropriate prophylactic and therapeutic dental hygiene treatment.
- Knowledge of common medical diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and heart disease as they relate to dental care and providing specialized therapeutic dental hygiene procedures and individually tailored home care instruction to these patients and community groups.
- Skill in providing individual and group oral health care instructions to special patients and the nursing staff and other health care workers in order to motivate patients with special needs toward the practice of effective oral hygiene techniques.
- Skill in performing specialized prophylactic and preventive dental hygiene procedures for individuals and special population groups such as diabetics, cardiac complications, severe caries, and periodontal disease.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** Apply online at Department of Health Application. (Current employees must use a transfer request form available on the intranet home page under forms). The KSAP's as outlined in the Evaluation Methods section should be addressed but are not required. For further information, call Tracy Watters at (918) 762-0307. The Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer; however, Indian Preference will be applied in the case of equally qualified applicants.

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Staffing Coordinator

Date