

Dr. Kam Habibi Reveals How to Become a Dental Hygienist

Becoming a dental hygienist takes hard work and dedication but it is also extremely rewarding.

SARASOTA, FL, UNITED STATES, August 14, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Dentistry is a niche medical market where many hygienists have found a home. This is a prosperous field with a lot of possibility for advancement. Plus, the hours are usually Monday through Friday, nine to five.

These incentives pale to the pay scale of the job, however, which make the occupation even more inviting. According to [Dr. Kam Habibi](#), dental hygienists make an average of \$72,901 per year. With that in mind, [Dr. Kam Habibi is keen to reveal](#) how a person interested in dentistry can become a dental hygienist.

The Scope of the Job

A dental hygienist has many different tasks. First, the hygienist escorts the patients to their dental room. This might sound menial, but it is extremely important. People are often fearful of going to the dentist, despite medical advancements. Therefore, being friendly and reassuring helps put the patients at ease. Next, the hygienist is tasked with cleaning the patient's teeth and taking x-rays. They are also the person to decipher if the patient is having any trouble with their teeth. Once the dentist comes in, the dental hygienists assist the doctor with procedures and figuring out the cause of discomfort.

Get Certified

To become a dental hygienist, a person must first achieve at least an Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene. Aspiring hygienists can decide to attend a traditional college or dental school. Either way, after at least two years, applicants are qualified to take their licensure examinations. This is the next step to becoming a dental hygienist.

However, if a dental hygienist is interested in teaching, research, or clinical practice, a bachelor's degree is required. This usually takes an additional two years. Yet, receiving this extra education will allow dental hygienists a plethora of opportunities. It might even help the applicant stand out among others when it is time to search for a job. Although to land a traditional dental hygienist job, only an associate degree is required.

Obtain License

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) is the only accredited institution for obtaining a dental hygienist license. However, there are programs that CODA offers available throughout the country. Therefore, finding a place to obtain a license should not be a difficult feat. The only caveat is that each state requires a license. Thus, a dental hygienist can only practice in the state that they are licensed in. While that makes sense, it is a fact that aspiring dental hygienists should be aware of.

Get to Work

Once a dental hygienist has received their CODA approved the license, though, they are free to get a job within the state. Throughout the process, it is a good idea to garner as many resources as possible, to simplify the job search. After all, if a person knows the applicant from the certification process, they are more likely to hire them.

To close, [Dr. Kam Habibi is highly supportive](#) of people wishing to enter the dental hygienist field. This is a well-paying medical support job that can lead the hygienist comfortably into retirement. Once dental hygienists find the right practice, there is little reason for them to work anywhere else. Therefore, many dental hygienists are contented in their position, but they always can learn more and advance.

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