



STEM Careers

Dentist

Job Description: Examine, diagnose, and treat diseases, injuries, and malformations of teeth and gums.

What does a Dentist do?

- Examine teeth, gums, and related tissues, using dental instruments, x-rays, or other equipment, to evaluate dental health, diagnose diseases or abnormalities and plan appropriate treatments.
- Advise or instruct patients regarding preventative dental care, the causes and treatment of dental problems, or oral health care services.
- Write prescriptions for antibiotics or other medications.
- Design, make, or fit dental appliances, such as space maintainers, bridges, or dentures.
- Diagnose and treat diseases, injuries, or malformations of teeth, gums, or related oral structures and provide preventative or corrective services.

Your Interests:

- Do you like to help people?
- Do you communicate well with others?
- Do you pay close attention to details?

Outlook:

Average Salary - \$67.81 hourly, \$141,040 annual
Projected Job Openings - 51,800 over the next 10 years.

Education/Program of Study:

- Bachelor's Degree in a science field followed by Dental School to earn a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree.

Sources:

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