

# DHAT Curriculum and Dentist supervision

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# DHAT Training Students 2 Years Post High School



## ***Standards and Procedures-***

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# DHAT Scope of Practice

Diagnosis and Treatment  
Planning, Prevention,  
Basic Hygiene,  
Radiographs,  
Infection Control,  
Restorative,  
Pediatric,  
Urgent Care,  
Extractions,  
Community Projects,  
Clinic Management,  
Equipment Repair and  
Maintenance,  
Referral Process

- **All ages**
- **Supervised provider**
- Part of a **team** of dental and medical providers



# DHAT Curriculum and Education



- Different from Dentist education
- NEED TO KNOW
- Limits taught
- Supervision ingrained
- Prevention VS Surgery
- Accessible to different type of student
- Cultural Competence
- Patient centered



# DHAT Curriculum



**Year 1:** basic health sciences, basic dental concepts, professional role development, introduction to clinic, patient and facilities management.

**Year 2:** clinical year, expansion of concepts learned in first year, extractions, community project, village dental rotations



## Alaska DHAT Educational Program information:

First year: 40 weeks

Second year: 39 weeks

Total: 79 weeks (3160 hours)

### Curriculum Break-down first year

Biological Science: 30%

Social Science: 10%

Pre-clinic: 40%

Clinic: 20%

### Curriculum Break-down second year

Biological Science: 15%

Social Science: 7%

Pre-clinic: 0%

Clinic: 78% (1215 hours)

### Curriculum Break-down two years

#### combined:

Biological Science: 22.5%

Social Science: 8.5%

Pre-clinic: 20% (632 hours)

Clinic: 49% (1548 hours)



# Competencies

## Must demonstrate competency at each step

- Dental school guidelines and books
- 75% or better
- Meaningful remediation

## Competency evaluated by licensed dental provider

## Progression toward key indicators

- Technical skills, time and behavior management, level of independence, record keeping, professionalism





# Types Supervision

## ■ ***Direct supervision***

- dentist personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedure, and before dismissal of the patient evaluates the performance of the dental health aide

## ■ ***Indirect supervision***

- dentist is in the facility, authorizes the procedures, and remains in the dental facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental health aide

## ■ ***General supervision***

- dentist authorized the procedures and they are being carried out in accordance with standing orders issued to a specific dental health aide



# DHA Certification

- ***After coursework-***
  - preceptorship
  - Direct supervision
- ***Standing orders-***
  - Limits for general supervision
- ***Recertification-***
  - Every two years
  - Directly observed



# DHAT Educational Program

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