DHAT Curriculum and Dentist supervision

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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)

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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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