

Metro Atlanta TOP JOBS

HEALTHCARE



Dental Hygienists

Standard Occupational Classification Code: [291292](#)

Also known as: Dental Hygienist, Hygienist, Licensed Dental Hygienist, Pediatric Dental Hygienist, Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH)

Are you good at ...

- Showing concern for others?
- Being honest and ethical?
- Being reliable, responsible, and dependable?
- Displaying a good-natured, cooperative attitude?
- Keeping your emotions in check?

A Day in the Life

Dental Hygienists examine mouth, teeth, gums, and all related structures. They treat dental problems or diseases. They process x-rays and other medical images. They attend training sessions or professional meetings to develop or maintain professional knowledge.

As a Dental Hygienist you will most often work regular shifts in a dentist's office. You will have to deal with people face-to-face daily and to wear protective gear. You will have work with a group or teams to provide patient care. You need to speak and write clearly in order to convey information effectively. Dental Hygienists require the person to be reliable, responsible, and dependable. You must give full attention to what other people are saying taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times. You must monitor and/or assess the performance of yourself, other individual, or organization to make improvement or take corrective actions.

How do I get into this top job?

The fastest way to obtain this job is to graduate from an ADA accredited dental hygiene program. Once you have graduated you will need to take the tests to be certified. Training programs and tests may be expensive, but you might not have to pay for all of it yourself. If you are low income, ask your job coach, career counselor, training program, or workforce development specialist about assisting you with your training expenses. It might be free!



What they earn in Metro Atlanta:

Entry Wage: **\$22.54**
Median Wage: **\$31.59**



What makes this a Top Job?

They're in high demand. The Georgia Dept. of Labor estimates there will be over 200 openings per year through 2026! Additionally, this job pays above average wages.



Educational Requirement



Associate's Degree



On-the-Job Training



None



Related Occupations

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