

Dental Hygienist Certifications/Associations

Professional certifications are used to demonstrate a professional level of training, experience and/or ability to potential employers and clients. The following is a list of the most common professional certifications held by dental hygienists and other dental staff. As you attain these, list them on your resume, usually under a separate section called "Certifications". Professional certifications may also be use in cover letter, portfolios and even posted in office/clinics.

Certifications: Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH); X-ray certificate; Expanded Functions Certificates (Pit and Fissure Sealants, Temporary Soft Denture Relines, etc.); Anesthesia permit(s); Nitrous Oxide permit; Limited Access Permit; BLS/CPR certificate

Associations: Memberships in American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA), Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA), American Dental Association (ADA), Oregon Dental Association (ODA), American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD), Hispanic Dental Association (HDA), Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities (ADPD)

Equipment/Tools/Instruments

Use the following lists to show the equipment and tools you have used and are familiar with on your resume. You may have additional technologies not shown on this list. List your tools in a separate section or under Skills/Qualifications.

Various hand instruments: Examination instruments (mouth mirrors, explorers, cotton pliers, periodontal probes), scalers, excavators, PFIs

Handpieces: dental polishers: Low-speed, high-speed, ultrasonic, air abrasion; laboratory rotary instruments: Burs, mandrels, mounted stones and discs

Radiograph equipment: Dental X-ray machines/ units, panoramic dental X-ray units, processing tank, automatic film processor

Sterilizing equipment: Ultrasonic cleaner, autoclave, dry heat sterilizer, chemical disinfectants and sterilizers

Operatory & Lab equipment: Saliva ejector, HVE, hydrocolloid conditioner, model trimmer, vacuum former, sandblaster, articulator, dental lathes, wax heater, nitros oxide administration equipment, oxygen administration equipment