

Pennsylvania is in need of dental professionals

Working in oral health is rewarding for many reasons.

There are many options available to fit your personality and career goals.

You can help people achieve health and wellness while maintaining a flexible work schedule and choosing an educational path that suits your lifestyle.

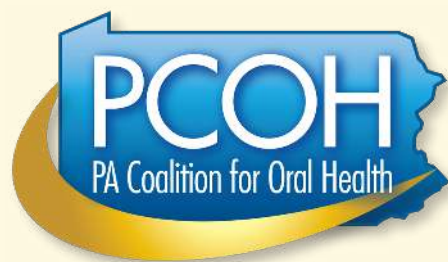
In Pennsylvania, the need for dental providers is growing, particularly in public health settings and rural areas.

To find out more about the dental workforce needs and pathways, visit paoralhealth.org.



Have questions?

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In-demand Dental Careers in PA



CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

Median Annual Income \$50,350

- High school diploma
- Works in the community
- Promote wellness by helping people adopt healthy behaviors



DENTAL ASSISTANT

Median Annual Income \$48,290

- High school diploma
- Assists dentist chairside
- Sterilizes equipment
- Typically x-ray certified
- Supervised by a dentist



EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL ASSISTANT

Annual Income* \$40k-\$60k

- Some college/work experience
- Places fillings and sealants
- Performs fluoride treatments
- Supervised by a dentist



REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST

Median Annual Income \$81,510

- Associate or Bachelor's Degree
- Performs x-rays, cleanings, gum treatment, sealants, fluoride, etc.
- Supervised by a dentist



PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL HYGIENIST

Annual Income* \$75k-100k

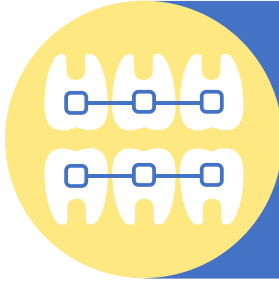
- RDH License + certification requirements
- Performs dental hygiene services in public health settings without dentist supervision



DENTIST

Median Annual Income \$168,740

- Graduate degree (DMD/DDS)
- Performs fillings and repairs teeth
- Can extract teeth, perform gum surgeries, and screen for oral cancer
- Small business owner or work as an employee or partner



DENTAL SPECIALIST

Annual Income* \$175,000-\$250,000

- Additional 2-3 years education beyond DMD/DDS
- Specialize in endodontics, oral & maxillofacial surgery, pediatrics, orthodontics, etc.

1. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, www.bls.gov/oooh/healthcare, (visited September 2025)

*Information not widely available through Dept. of Labor for PA-specific positions and was acquired through ziprecruiter.com