Employment Opportunities

- Self Employed - Clinic owner
- Employed in government institutions or private corporations
- Research
- Academe
- Post Graduate and Masteral opportunities

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Dentist

A dentist is a health professional who performs any treatment or part of a clinical procedure, upon the human oral cavity, jaws, teeth and surrounding tissues. He treats patients to improve esthetics of the natural dentition, to replace missing teeth, restore the masticatory function of the patient and provide comfort as well.

Functions

- Promotes oral health promotion and preventive measures
- Performs clinical examination, scaling and polishing of teeth
- Prescribes drugs or medicines for the treatment of oral diseases or lesions;
- Restores carious teeth.
- Makes dentures

- Prevents and/or corrects malposition of the teeth;
- Implants artificial substitutes for lost teeth;

Skills and Competencies

- Ability to analyze dental data
- Diagnostic ability and manual skills
- Good visual memory
- Excellent judgment regarding space and shape
- Good business sense, self discipline, and good communication skills
- Sensitive to the needs of patients

Basic Educational Requirement

To become a dentist, a two-year Certificate in a Pre-Dental Course and a Diploma for Doctor of Dental Medicine are required. Passing the Dentists Licensure Examination given by the Professional Regulation Commission is necessary to make a dentist eligible to practice his profession in the country. Additional minimum of three years is required for Masteral Degree and Specialization in the fields of Endodontics, Oral Surgery, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics and Prosthodontics.

Cost of Education

Cost of education may range from P35,000 – P70,000 per semester in private schools and universities. The cost may be 40 – 50% lesser in public educational institutions.