

Appendix A. Personal Inventory

There are no right or wrong answers, just options that can assist you in investigating your personal interest in delivery of community-based care.

Basic Questions

I have an interest in public health.

- A. Very strong interest
- B. Strong interest
- C. Limited interest
- D. Very little interest

I feel a personal desire to give back by serving people in need of dental care.

- A. Very strong desire
- B. Strong desire
- C. Limited desire
- D. Very little desire

I feel a personal desire to do something different yet still use my dental hygiene skills.

- A. Very strong desire
- B. Strong desire
- C. Limited desire
- D. Very little desire

I feel a personal desire to expand my management and leadership skills.

- A. Very strong desire
- B. Strong desire
- C. Limited desire
- D. Very little desire

I know dental hygienists who are working community-based care settings. (circle all that apply)

- A. Shadowed them on their jobs
- B. Talked with them about their jobs
- C. Know the benefits and challenges working in a community-based care setting

I have volunteered in non-traditional dental health settings. (circle all that apply)

- A. Mission of mercy
- B. School dental screening program
- C. School presentations during Children's Dental Health Month
- D. Tooth brushing programs in preschools
- E. Fluoride varnish programs
- F. Dental exhibit at health fairs

Types of Community-based Settings

I prefer to provide services in the following types of sites: (circle all that apply)

- A. At an established clinic with fixed dental equipment
- B. At an established clinic with portable dental equipment
- C. Rotating to one type of site (i.e., school) with portable dental equipment
- D. Rotating to a variety of sites (school, hospital, prison) with portable dental equipment
- E. Sharing portable equipment with other hygienists in community-based care settings

I prefer to provide dental hygiene services in the following settings: (circle all that apply)

- A. Early Childhood Programs (pregnant women, infants and toddlers)
- B. Preschool Programs (3-5 year olds)
- C. Schools (K-12)
- D. State correctional institution
- E. Local health department
- F. Indigent health care clinic
- G. Adult care home
- H. Hospital long-term care unit
- I. State institution

I prefer to provide hygiene services at a site:

- A. With a team of other dental health professionals and students
- B. With a team of health professionals
- C. With a team of other professionals such as educators
- D. With a team of office staff
- E. By myself

I am willing to travel to a site: (circle all that apply)

- A. Greater than 25 miles but less than 50 miles from home daily
- B. Greater than 25 miles but less than 50 miles from home weekly
- C. Greater than 25 miles but less than 50 miles from home monthly
- D. Greater than 25 miles but less than 50 miles from home quarterly
- E. Unwilling to travel to a site more than 25 miles from my home

I need to provide services in an environment:

- A. Free from air with dust and other allergy producing particles
- B. Free from overly heated or extremely cold rooms
- C. Free from harsh/loud noises
- D. Free from compromising postures which create muscular/ skeletal discomfort

Types of Service

I prefer providing the following clinical procedures:

- A. Fluoride applications
- B. Caries assessment using laser fluorescence (i.e., DIAGNOdent)
- C. Sealants
- D. Routine prophylaxis
- E. Scaling and root planning
- F. Sharing clinical information via tele-dentistry equipment

I prefer the following types of services:

- A. Clinical care
- B. Screening
- C. Data collection and reporting
- D. Patient education

Administration

I prefer to do record keeping:

- A. Myself using paper documents
- B. Myself using computer software and filing electronically
- C. With the assistance of an office person filing paper documents
- D. With the assistance of an office person using computer software and filing electronically

I have the following level of computer confidence and competence:

- A. Teaching myself new software programs
- B. Quick to learn new software programs from someone else
- C. Slow to learn and incorporate new software programs
- D. No interest in using the computer to document hygiene services

I prefer to....

- A. Submit patient services for billing by myself and problem solve glitches in payments
- B. Turn all billing processes over to someone else

I prefer to....

- A. Be an employee with a salary I can count on
- B. Have benefits-health and disability insurance, retirement plan
- C. Be a contractor, paid based on the services I perform

I prefer to.....

- A. Join a hygiene service that is administered by others
- B. Design a hygiene service and administer it myself

Types of Patients

I am confident working with the following patient population: (circle all that apply)

- A. Pregnant women
- B. Infants and toddlers
- C. Preschool children
- D. Elementary school children
- E. Adolescents
- F. Adults
- G. Developmentally/intellectually disabled
- H. Physically disabled
- I. Adults in assisted living or skilled care centers

Personal Career Planning

I am planning to work in dental public health:

- A. Within the next six months
- B. Within the next year
- C. Within the next 2 years
- D. Sometime in the future
- E. Maybe sometime if someone presents me with an opportunity that fits into my career and life plan
- F. After I retire from private practice

I see my involvement in dental public health as:

- A. A volunteer
- B. A substitute for an ECP hygienist
- C. Part-time
- D. Full-time