Community Oral Health Educator Work Study Position

Department: Periodontics, Dental Hygiene Division

Supervising Faculty: Carol Nguyen and Beatriz Hicks

Preferred Qualifications: Positions available (Senior Dental Hygiene Only)

Must be eligible for and be awarded Work Study Funding

Number of Hours: No more than 10 hours per week

Who should apply? Dental Hygiene Students Only with an interest in public health with overall GPA: 3.25

Semester Student needed:

Fall semester
DENH 4021 Community Oral Health Practicum I (August to December)
Spring Semester
DENH 4017 Community Oral Health Practicum II (January to May)

Job Description:
Coordinate the design and implementation of site events to include: biometric screenings, wellness facilitation, health fairs, school presentations, etc.

Develop sustainable community projects that impact vulnerable, underserved and socially marginalized consumers in the San Antonio and South Texas communities.

Position Duties:
• Utilize preventive guidelines and general health and wellness strategies to achieve goals in the overall health of patients and target populations.

• Educate and refer the public on available health resources and preventive management programs as appropriate for tobacco cessation, nutrition, oral cancer screening, caries prevention, school health programs, Head Start programs, in-service for long term care facilities.

• Provide coaching to target populations around their behavior changes to improve health status, reduce health risks and improve quality of life.

• Work with target population to impact and establish health improvement plans, set personalized goals, and support consumers in achieving those goals.

• Collaboration and integration with team members such as nutritionist, pharmacist, MD, Educators and other internal and external strategic partners.

• Empower target population with skills to provide enhanced interaction with their providers through education.

• Document interactions and interventions as directed.

• Follow up with patients to ensure that program has been achieved and assess for educational and/or program referral needs.

• Provide health and wellness education utilizing a multitude of medias including group presentations, support group facilitation, creative use of media, newsletter contribution, etc.

To be considered for this position, contact Ms. Sylvia Knopp, Academic Programs Coordinator either e-mail at knopp@uthscsa.edu or by telephone at 210-567-3832.