So you want to be a Public Health Oral Health Practitioner? (Registered dental hygienist, Public health dental hygienist, Certified Public Health DH?)

Fones School of DH Graduation 1914



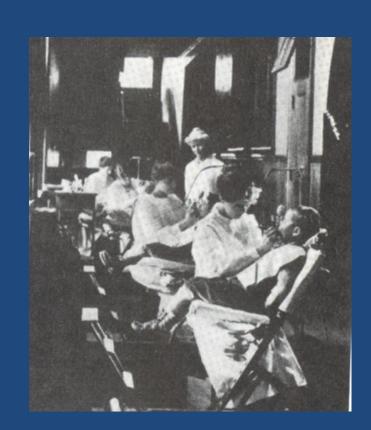
Alfred E Fones "Father of Dental Hygiene"

- Major role in dental public health
- Focus on prevention & community
- Outreach to the community for dental awareness and prevention

Coined term dental hygienist

Fones School of Dental Hygiene

- Irene Newman first DH
- First Dental Hygiene School
- Began in 1913 in Bridgeport Conn
- Today w/in University of Bridgeport



NHTI-Concord's CC Graduation 2014



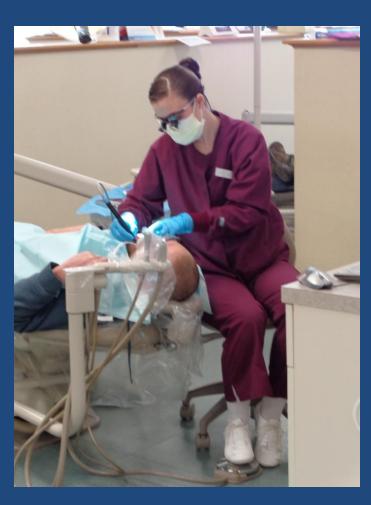
American Dental Association

- They are the gatekeepers to the DH profession
- Serve to protect the public

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

- They set curriculum standards and hold DH Programs to them
- Graduates must be clinically safe, competent and ethical
- It is the faculty's responsibility to safeguard the public by graduating competent DHs who meet CODA standards

A.S. in DH Curriculum



- Fall Semester Year One
- Anatomy and Physiology I
- Introduction to Biochemistry
- Dental Hygiene I
- Clinical Dental Hygiene I
- Oral Anatomy I
- English Composition
- Spring Semester Year One
- Anatomy and Physiology II
- Dental Hygiene II
- Clinical Dental Hygiene II
- Oral Anatomy II
- Dental Radiology for Dental Hygiene
- Math for Allied Health or Math Elective

Summer Semester - Year One

Microbiology
Dental Materials for
Dental Hygiene
Dental Hygiene III
Pain Management for the
Dental Hygienist



A.S. in DH Curriculum

Fall Semester – Year Two

- Nutrition
- Clinical Dental Hygiene III
- Community Dental Health I
- Dental Hygiene Science Pharmacology
- Dental Hygiene Science Oral Pathology
- Introduction to Psychology

Spring Semester – Year Two

- Communications
- Clinical Dental Hygiene IV
- Dental Hygiene Community Clinic*
- Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence
- Community Dental Health II
- Introduction to Sociology
- Elective: Humanities/Fine Arts/Foreign Language



Examinations

- National Board exam –written
- ADEX regional clinical and written exam (administered by the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners)
- State of NH Jurisprudence exam –written
- Apply to NHBODE for license to practice in NH

Professional Roles of the Dental Hygienist Educator public Health Researcher Clinician public Health public Health **Dental Hygienist** Public Health Administrator/ **Advocate** Manager

Public Health Dental Hygienist

- RDHs who work in alternative delivery settings under the supervision of an actively licensed NH dentist
- "Public Health Supervision" status from NHBODE
- Supervising dentist required to review patient records once in a 12 month period

<u>Certified PHDH</u> Established by NH Legislature in 2012

- Need to meet qualifications as outlined NH Dental Practice Act to include (but not all inclusive):
- 3200 hrs as a practicing RDH
- Additional core courses:
- Evidence based dentistry
- Infection control in Alternative Dental Settings
- Medical Records Management
- Medical Management of Clients in Alternative settings
- Caries stabilization
- Apply to NHBODE for Certification

Certified Public Health DH

A.S. degree in DH from ADA CODA Program

CCSNH = 7 colleges

NHTI, Concord's Community College

- * Allied Dental Education Department (DH and DA Programs)
- *Academic Program of Study = A.S.D.H (Refer to last page for curriculum)
- *Director w/full-time Faculty/Adjuncts.

Graduate from DH Program

- * National Board Exam (written)
- * American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) [Clinical and Written]
 - * NH Jurisprudence Exam
- * Apply for & obtain license to practice DH in NH from NHBODE

Workforce Development Department

- * Business and Training Center
 - * No academic programs
- * Customized training for the workforce (not funded by CCSNH)
- * Director for all workplace continuing education
- * Dental Professional Program Coordinator
- *Instructors from anywhere-meet criteria of NHBODE
 - * Director of Allied Dental Education=input/recommendations

* Core Courses for CPHDH

Non-credit-earnCEU's

NHBODE reviews application-grants license

The End