

# 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”

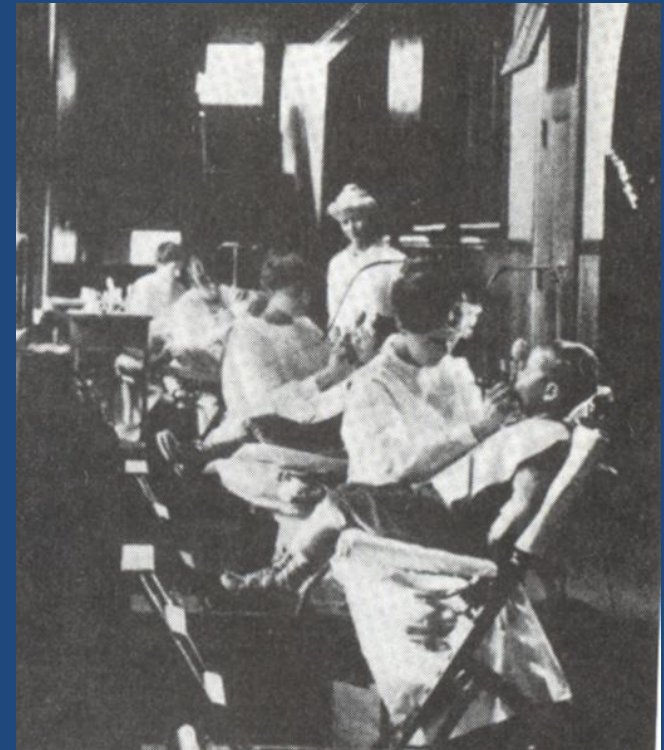
- Major role in dental public health
- Focus on prevention & community
- Outreach to the community for dental awareness and prevention
- Coined term dental hygienist





# 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

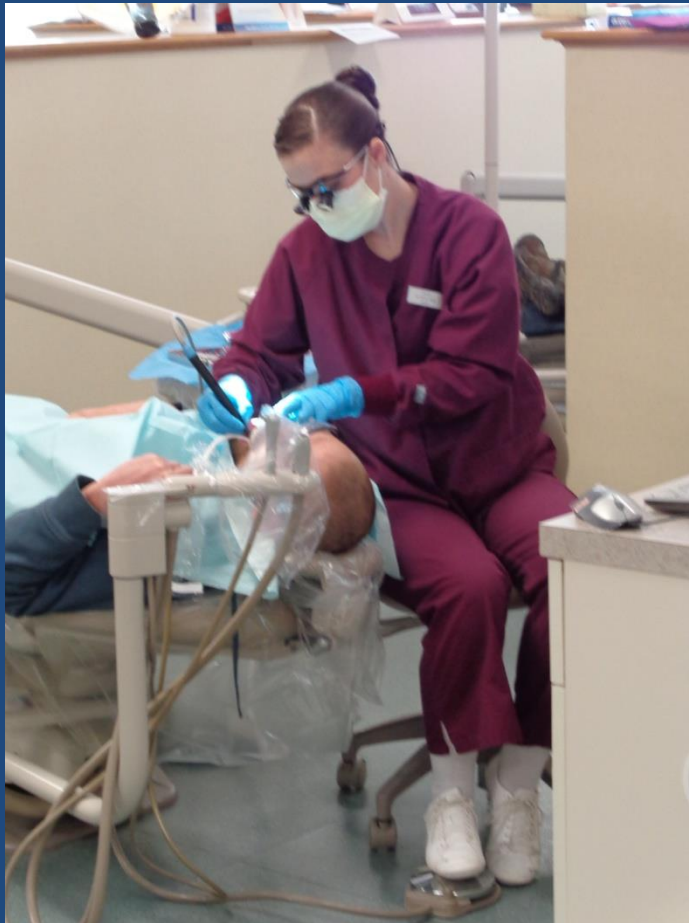
- They are the gatekeepers to the DH profession
- Serve to protect the public

## 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





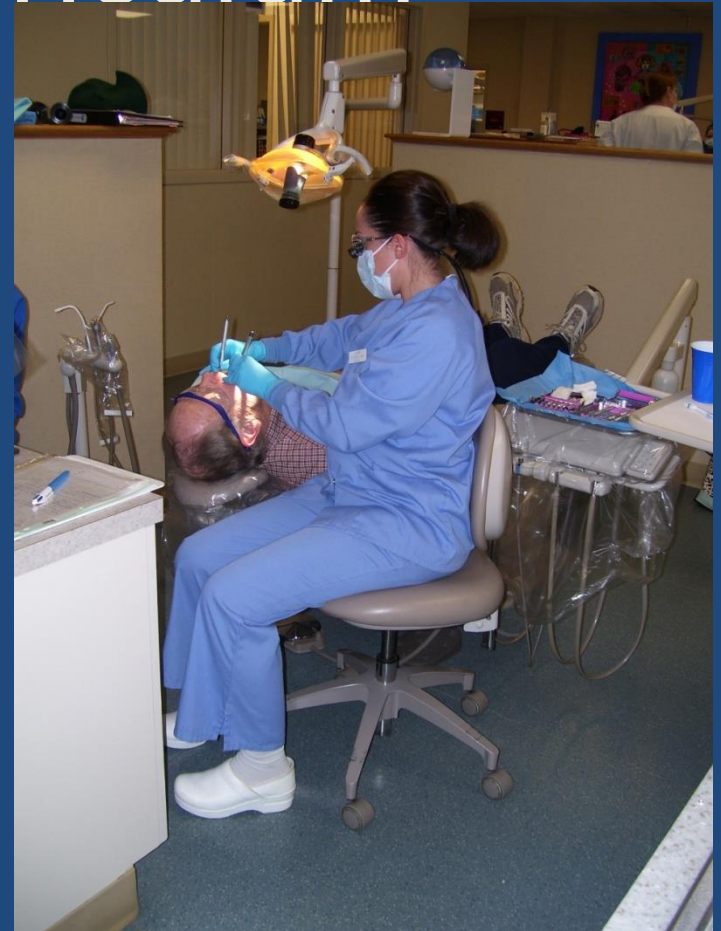
# A.S. in DH Curriculum

- **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



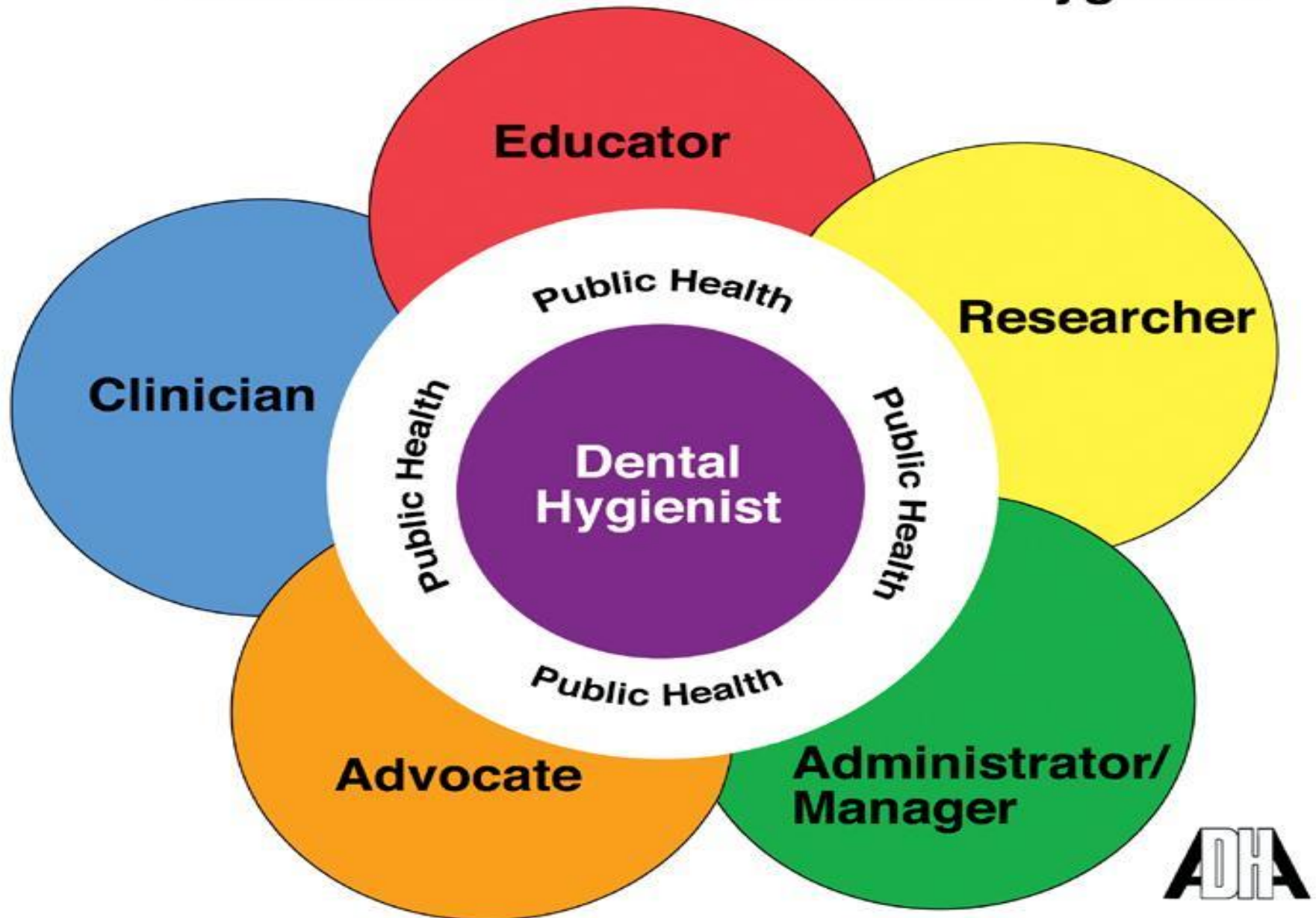


# Examinations

- 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





# 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



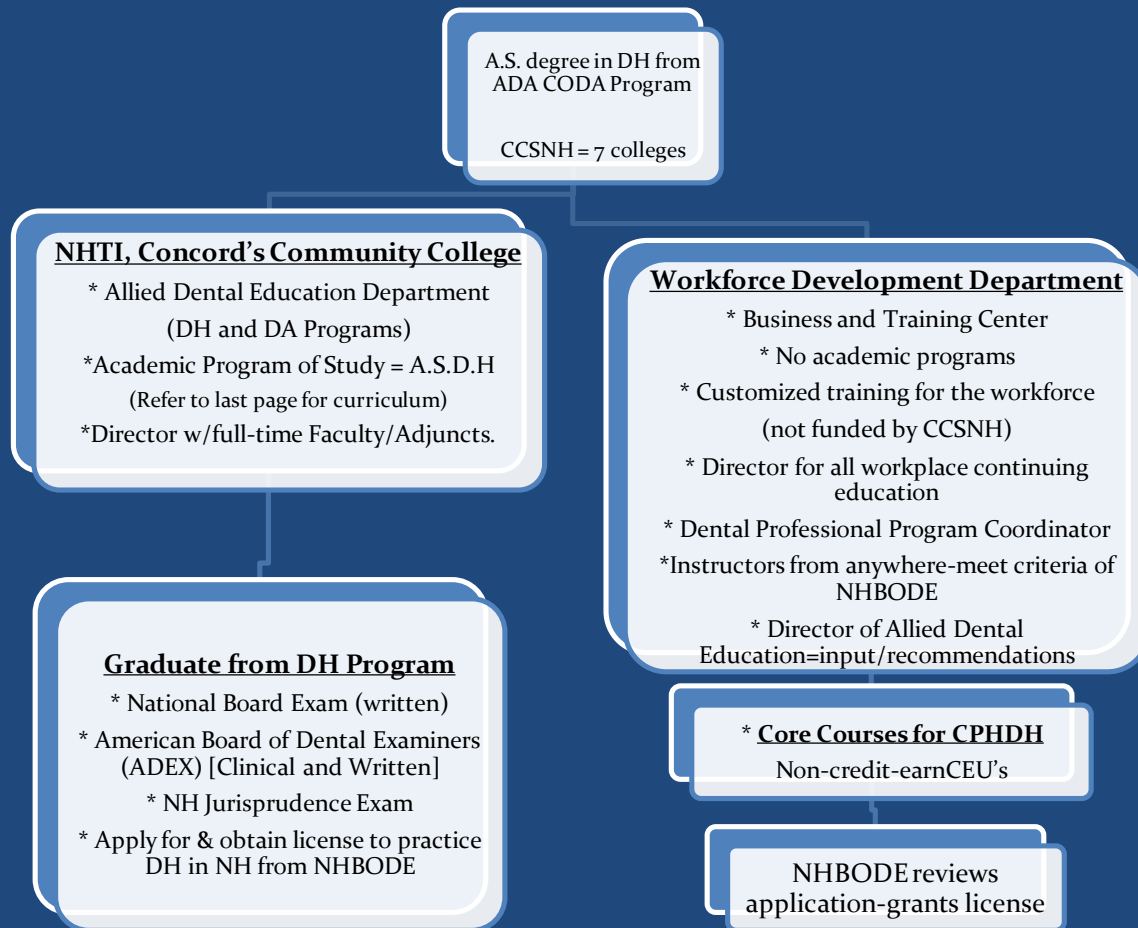
# Certified PHDH

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







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