

<b>Position Title</b>	Oral Health Therapist
<b>Classification</b>	Level 6
<b>School/Division</b>	Dental School
<b>Centre/Section</b>	Oral Health Centre of Western Australia
<b>Supervisor Title</b>	Clinical Operations Manager
<b>Supervisor Position Number</b>	314199
<b>Position Number</b>	322175

## Your work area

---

The UWA Dental School is a contemporary, progressive, innovative and vibrant centre of excellence in dentistry. It comprises three academic units and the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia (OHCWA). Our mission is to achieve excellence in dental education, research and oral health care to benefit our local community and advance dentistry globally. This is achieved by highly qualified academics and staff interacting with dedicated and engaged students in state-of-the-art facilities with up-to-date equipment and technology.

OHCWA is a partnership between The University of Western Australia and the Department of Health of Western Australia. It is the primary focus for oral health education, research and specialist care delivery in Western Australia. It treats approximately 15,000 patients a year and delivers a range of clinical and technical training programmes. OHCWA is on the QEII campus adjacent to the new Perth Children's Hospital.

## Reporting structure

---

Reports to: Clinical Operations Manager

## Your role

---

As the appointee, you will, under general direction, support OHCWA clinical staff and student clinicians in clinical procedures.

## Your key responsibilities

---

Provide care for patients at OHCWA following OHCWA policies and procedures and the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (WA) Act 2010*

Provide clinical services at satellite sites, including rural and remote sites, as part of OHCWA's commitment to provide services accessible to the WA community.

**Clinical Procedures:** Conduct dental examinations, perform cleanings, scaling, and polishing; administer preventive treatments such as fluoride and sealants; and assist in the diagnosis and treatment planning of dental conditions.

**Patient Education:** Educate patients on proper oral hygiene techniques and offer personalised advice for optimal oral health.

**Therapeutic Interventions:** Administer local anesthesia for dental procedures, perform non-surgical periodontal therapy for gum disease management, and apply desensitising agents when necessary.

**Radiographic Imaging:** Capture and interpret dental radiographs as part of diagnostic procedures, ensuring the safe use of X-ray equipment and compliance with radiation safety protocols.

**Record Keeping:** Maintain accurate and up-to-date patient records, treatment plans, and clinical notes, following established protocols for documentation and record management.

**Collaboration and Communication:** Collaborate with other dental professionals, including dentists, Specialists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants. Communicate effectively with patients, addressing their concerns and explaining treatment plans. Participate in interdisciplinary case discussions.

**Infection Control:** Follow strict infection control protocols to ensure a safe and hygienic clinical environment. Follow established sterilisation procedures for dental instruments and equipment.

**Professional Development:** Stay informed about advances in oral health care, attend continuing education programs, and maintain professional licensure, credentialing, and certifications.

Other duties as directed

### **Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)**

---

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Oral Health Therapy registrable with AHPRA

Relevant experience at an appropriate level with a demonstrated commitment to upholding professional standards in dental practice

Knowledge of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (WA) Act 2010* as applicable, Australian infection control guidelines, procedures and policies, and awareness of its implications for service delivery

Highly developed written and verbal communication, interpersonal, and clinical skills

Ability to work independently, show initiative problem solve and work productively as part of a team

Proficiency in a range of computing skills including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, internet and email

Demonstrated commitment to, and awareness of, cross-cultural issues

### **Special requirements (selection criteria)**

---

Current AHPRA registration

Travel between clinical facilities as required.

Some after-hours work may be required.

### **Compliance**

---

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including:

The University's Code of Conduct [hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct](http://hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct)

Inclusion and Diversity [web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity](http://web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity)

Safety, health and wellbeing [safety.uwa.edu.au/](http://safety.uwa.edu.au/)