Dental Health Aide Therapist (DHAT) Educational Program

DHAT Curriculum - Anchorage (Year 1)

Unit 1	Introduction to Dental Health Aide
Unit 2	Community Based Prevention Project

Unit 3 Dental Assisting
Unit 4 Dental Radiology

Unit 5 General Health Sciences

Unit 6 Professional Role Development

Unit 7 Oral Health Sciences

Unit 8 Basic Restorative Functions
Unit 9 Local Anesthetic - Part 1

Unit 10 Advanced Behavioral and Anxiety Control

Unit 11 Diagnosis and Treatment Planning

Unit 12 Cariology

Unit 13 Atraumatic Restorative Treatment

Unit 15 Restorative Dentistry

Unit 16 Dental Hygiene Treatment and Prevention

Unit 17 Special Topics

Clinic I Preclinical Experience

Clinic II Beginning Patient Encounters

DHAT Curriculum - Bethel (Year 2)

Clinical year: Students practice the full scope of DHAT procedures under the direct supervision of a dentist instructor. There are typically 2-3 patients scheduled per pair of students per day. Didactics are covered in the morning prior to clinic. Each student is responsible for developing and implementing a community dental disease prevention project. There are no set number of procedures to complete, the program is competency based. Students also experience dental care delivery during remote village travel with a dentist.

Didactic topics include:

- Local Anesthesia Part 2
- Complex Amalgams
- Community Projects
- Complex Composites
- Dental Emergency Alleviate Pain and Infection
- Introduction to Epidemiology
- Equipment Maintenance
- Dental Extractions
- Oral Pathology Review
- Introduction to Operating Room Dentistry
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Dental Disease Prevention
- Professional Role Development
- Telemedicine
- Dental Trauma How to Address Injuries to Permanent Anterior Teeth
- Diagnosis and Treatment Planning