# **DENTIST**



### Description

 Dentists are doctors who specialize in oral health. Diagnosing and treating diseases, promoting dental health, and monitoring development.

## **Education Required**

• Doctorate - 8 yrs

# Salary

• \$149,000

## Area College Options

 University of Kentucky, University of Louisville

### Resources

• ada.org American Dental Association

# **Dental Specialties**



#### **Endodontist**

- Root canal therapy is probably the most common treatment performed by an endodontist. It may be needed when the tooth's pulp is infected often as a result of untreated tooth decay or a traumatic dental injury.
- •\$270,000



### Odontologist

- Involved in assisting investigative agencies to identify recovered human remains in addition to the identification of whole or fragmented bodies.
- •\$146,000



### Oral Surgeon

- Oral and maxillofacial surgeons focus on treating problems related to the hard and soft tissues of the face, mouth, and jaws (the upper jaw is referred to as the maxilla)
- •\$212,000



#### Orthodontist

- The practice of orthodontics is concerned with correcting teeth and jaws that are out of position, don't close properly, or don't look the way you'd like them to.
- •\$196,000



#### **Pediatric Dentist**

- Dedicated to the oral health of children from infancy through the teen years
- •\$215,000



#### Periodontist

- Periodontists are the dental professionals who focus on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases that affect the gums, as well as other structures that support the teeth
- •\$266,000



#### Prosthodontist

- Prosthodontics is the dental specialty primarily concerned with the restoration and replacement of lost or damaged teeth
- •\$142,000