



Prepare to Care
... Mouth Care Matters ...
Oral Health Education for Direct Care Professionals

***FREE Mouth Care Matters
Oral Health Specialty
Instructor Training
Being Offered***

What is Mouth Care Matters?

Mouth Care Matters is one of three major initiatives of the **Lifelong Smiles Coalition**, which is led by Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation (DDIAF). Mouth Care Matters has developed and piloted an Oral Health Specialty Training for Direct Care Professionals (DCPs). The other two initiatives are I-Smile™ Silver and the establishment of the Office of Education and Training within the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics, all with the common goal of increasing access to oral health for older Iowans who are homebound or residents in a nursing home.

Who are Direct Care Professionals (DCPs)?

Direct Care Professionals are defined as individuals who provide supportive services and care to people experiencing health conditions, illnesses, or disabilities and receive compensation for such services. They may work in home-based, community-based, or facility settings. They may have job titles such as direct support professional, supported community living worker, home health aide, direct care worker, and universal worker. The umbrella term also includes other job titles like hospice aide, patient care tech, personal assistant, and certified nursing assistant.

Are You Interested in Becoming an Instructor?

Iowa CareGivers and University of Iowa Colleges of Dentistry and Nursing are teaming up to offer dental hygienists across the state of Iowa an opportunity to participate in Mouth Care Matters (MCM) by becoming an instructor approved to teach DCPs a one-day course on oral health. Space is limited, so please apply early!

To Participate in Mouth Care Matters You Will:

- Have practiced as a dental hygienist for at least two years.
- Need to submit an application, a resume, a letter of recommendation and be accepted into the program.
- Complete the two-day Oral Health Specialty Instructor training scheduled for November 30 and December 1, 2017 at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Ankeny Campus.
- Be paid mileage at the state rate of 39 cents/mile for attending the Instructor training.

Instructor Training Details:

November 30 and December 1, 2017

DMACC Ankeny Campus, 2006 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, IA 50023

Health Sciences Building #24, Room 202

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Lunch will be provided on both days.

Application Details:

Deadline: **October 27, 2017**

Notification of Acceptance: **November 3, 2017**

Application Form: **Attached**

Oral Health Specialty Instructor Requirements:

- Must be a licensed dental hygienist or a licensed dentist
- Must have practiced for a minimum of two years
- Experience with older adults preferred

Applicants for the Oral Health Specialty Instructor complete an application package that includes:

- Application Form (attached)
- Submit a current resume that demonstrates you meet the qualifications and experience requirements
- Provide your active license number
- Submit a letter of professional recommendation
- Please mail your complete application package to:

Iowa CareGivers

1231 8th Street, Suite 236

West Des Moines, IA 50265

Questions:

If you have any questions about Mouth Care Matters or the Instructor Training, please contact:

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Learn more about Mouth Care Matters at:

<http://www.iowacaregivers.org/education/mouth-care-matters.php>



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**Mouth Care Matters
Oral Health Specialty
Instructor Application:**

To apply for the Mouth Care Matters Oral Health Specialty Instructor training, complete this form and attach all required documentation, as indicated below.

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| First Name: |
| Last Name: |
| Home Street Address: |
| City: |
| State: |
| Zip Code: |
| Email Address: |
| Phone Number (with area code): |
| Employer Organization: |
| License #: |

Letter of Recommendation: A letter of recommendation is required. The letter of recommendation must follow these guidelines:

- The letter of recommendation may be from an employer, academic institution, a provider agency, or a community organization recommending you be trained as a Mouth Care Matters Oral Health Specialty Instructor.

Resume: To become a trained instructor, you must also submit a resume. The resume must include:

- Your dental hygienist or dental license number from the appropriate Iowa licensing agency.
- Show at least two years of professional experience.
- Experience with older adults is preferred.

Please mail your complete application package to:

Attention: Pam Biklen
Iowa CareGivers
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