

Sophie Trettevick Indian Health Center Dental Health Aide Therapist Sponsorship Opportunity

Dental health aid therapists (DHATs) provide routine, preventive oral healthcare such as basic restorations, hygiene and simple extractions, to tribal communities. Please fill out this application if you are interested in having the Sophie Trettevick Indian Health Center sponsorship to become a DHAT.

Application deadline is August 15, 2022. Email application to Elizabeth.buckingham@ihs.gov

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Location: Skagit Valley College - Mount Vernon campus - and Swinomish Dental Clinic.

Duration: Nine consecutive quarters of intensive year-round academic and clinical work.

Degree: Associate of Applied Science (AAS) **Class size:** Twelve students per cohort.

Accreditation: Accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. *Process to achieve accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) is in progress.*

Applications: Available Summer 2022. Enrollment will not occur until CODA accreditation is officially granted.

<https://www.skagit.edu/academics/areas-of-study/health-sciences/dentaltherapy/dental-therapy-admissions/>

Sponsorship:

- Your tuition will be paid by STIHC according to the terms of the approved sponsorship.
- Sponsorship is for Skagit Valley College only. This sponsorship will not be awarded should the Skagit Valley College not be able to host the new Fall 2022 program.
- Applicant must be accepted into the program.

Eligibility:

- High School Diploma or GED
- Makah Tribal Member
- 1 year college experience
- 2 years experience dental assistant
- All requirements as outlined: <https://www.skagit.edu/academics/areas-of-study/health-sciences/dental/>

Training Program Expectations: As a student, attend all classes and clinical experiences as directed. Successfully complete the 2 + year course of education and graduate from the program.

Expectations After Graduation: Successful completion of a preceptorship in Neah Bay, WA

- Able and willing to put forth the effort and commit to the time necessary to complete the program successfully, which may result in some family and social sacrifices
- Willing to work with potentially hazardous equipment and material
- Must commit to working for STIHC as a DHAT for a time period of 4 years immediately following graduation

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Buckingham, Acting Health Director, Sophie Trettevick Indian Center (360) 645-2224.

Dental Health Aide Therapist Sponsorship Application

Date:

Name:

Tribal Enrollment Number:

High School Graduation or GED Date:

College Experience: (1 Year Required)

Name of college, degree or courses

2 year dental assistant experience:

- **Dates worked**
- **Supervisor name and contact information**

Essay on why you want to work as a Dental Health Aide Therapist for the Sophie Trettevick Indian Health Center (200 to 250 words.)