



# Working as a Part of the “Todays Dental” Team



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### Activities:

At my site I assumed the position of a Dental Office Assistant. I shadowed one of the three dentists, and assisted them in each of their procedures for the day.

In the office I:

-Assisted in different dental procedures such as: root canals, fillings, extraction, cleanings, X rays, periodontal procedures. The doctors taught me tips regarding what to look for and helpful strategies they use during each procedure.

– Helped assist with the sanitation requirements for the office: Cleaning the stations after procedures, cleaning and replacing tools used at each station, and setting stations to be used for future procedures.



Starting off the day re-stocking all the supplies used at each station.

### Impact:

I feel that I had a positive impact on my work site. I was an extra pair of hands that could fill in and help with anything whether it be assisting on procedures, making x-rays, taking impressions, or cleaning. Anything that needed to be done I was there. At the same time I was able to learn a lot about the inner workings of a dental office, I learned the steps to different procedures, different techniques doctors use, as well as the instruments/machines used in the office.

### Future Work:

In the immediate future I hope to find more work like this while I'm still in college. I think it was a phenomenal experience, that helped me decide my future career goals. After undergrad I hope to go on to dental school.



The tool kit used for repairing cavities.



The lab used for making teeth moldings.

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### Issue Confronting Site:

My Practicum consisted a service-learning project. My Goal was to gain experience, knowledge, and a familiarity by working in a realistic dental office setting. As well as giving the “Todays Dental” team a helping hand.



Dr. Park : standing in one of the rooms specialized for root canals.

### Service Site:

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