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Applicant: Lisa Le

Dental hygienist name: David Martinez

David Martinez has been a dental hygienist for over 20 years. Mr. Martinez was awarded a Bachelors in Dental Hygiene from Pueblo Community College, in Colorado, in 1998. David states that his role as a dental hygienist is to educate patients on their overall oral health and to also educate patients about periodontal disease. In the interview, he stated that he believes that about 96% of the adult population has some sort of periodontal condition, and to him, it is important to educate them and help stop the spread of this disease. To be successful as a dental hygienist, David emphasized on the importance of taking care of your patients. Making sure that they are comfortable and communicating to them on what is going on inside their mouth is what is important. When I asked him if he had to face any barriers or obstacles before and during hygiene school, he said there were not too many that he could think of. He stated that the unknown is a huge barrier, but as long as you work hard and give it 110%, you will do well. During his 20 years of working as a dental hygienist, David stated that the most challenging part about this career is patient compliance. He said that this is where educating your patients will come in hand. Then the last question I asked David during the interview was, what advice would he give me before I start dental hygiene school. He concluded the interview by saying that time management and working hard is important to remember.