

AFSC 47K4, Staff
AFSC 47K3, Qualified
AFSC 47K1, Entry

★PEDIATRIC DENTIST
(Changed 31 Oct 23)

1. Specialty Summary. Examines, diagnoses, and treats diseases, abnormalities, injuries and dysfunctional disorders of the oral cavity and its associated structures in children. Directs pediatric dentistry service. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260307.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

- 2.1. Examines, diagnoses, and treats diseases, abnormalities, injuries, and dysfunctional disorders of the oral cavity and its associated structures in children. Examines child patients and interprets radiographs and diagnostic tests to determine type and extent of dental diseases and disabilities or dysfunctions. Evaluates findings and prescribes type, extent, and order of treatment required. Restores health and function of carious, fractured, or otherwise defective teeth. Provides behavior management techniques. Performs oral surgery, endodontic, prosthodontic, and interceptive orthodontic treatment on children. Provides consultation services.
- 2.2. Directs the pediatric dentistry service. Formulates and implements procedures governing operation of the pediatric dentistry service. Determines equipment, material, and personnel required to accomplish treatment of children. Coordinates with other dental and medical services. Instructs dental officers and technical assistants in pediatric dentistry procedures and techniques.

3. ★Specialty Qualifications:

- 3.1. Knowledge. Fulfillment of the education and training requirements satisfy this requirement.
- 3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, a Doctor of Dental Surgery or a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from an American Dental Association accredited college or university is mandatory.
- 3.3. Training. For award of AFSC 47K3, completion of a residency in pediatric dentistry, acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.
- 3.4. Experience. Not used.
- 3.5. Other. The following are mandatory:
 - 3.5.1. For entry and retention of AFSCs 47K1, current enrollment in a pediatric dentistry residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.
 - 3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 47K3/4:
 - 3.5.2.1. ★Must obtain and maintain clinical privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, *Medical Quality Operations* (or be immediately eligible for privileges if assigned to a non-clinical position).
 - 3.5.2.2. ★A state license to practice dentistry IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, or
 - 3.5.2.2.1. Must be fully qualified, have passed Part I and II of the National Board, passed regional/state licensure exam, and have/applied for license (ready to work), or
 - 3.5.2.2.2. HPSP/FAP officers must have passed Part I and Part II of the National Board, have taken a regional/state licensure exam prior to entering active duty, and
 - 3.5.2.2.3. License must be obtained within 365 days of arrival at first permanent duty station.
 - 3.5.2.2.4. Residents have 18 months to obtain licensure.
 - 3.5.2.3. ★For retention of AFSCs 47K3/4, must not have a revocation of privileges or permanent and substantial reduction, restriction, or denial of privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119.