

Interview Questions:

1. **Name:** Ann Annsberry
2. **Job:** Dental Hygienist
3. **How long at job:** 7 years
4. **Likes:** “Being able to interact with patients and help them learn about brushing and cleaning their teeth(children).”
5. **Challenges:** “Sometimes the kids are a challenge(getting them to stay still, and the actual cleaning of their teeth), but other than that most challenges come within yourself and are based off of how hardworking you are.”
6. **Rewarding:** “I’d like to think that it’s pretty rewarding being able to not only clean my patients teeth for them, but teach them how to keep their teeth clean is also something I love doing everyday”
7. **What has changed in the profession:** “Opportunities for dental hygienists are actually growing more and more everyday. There are so many offices that NEED dental hygienists and assistants to work for them.”
8. **What is continuing to change:** “The amount of dental hygienists in and out of offices, and the amount of dental hygienists expanding their education and working to become oral surgeons.”
9. **What do you expect to change:** “I’m hoping for an advancement in technology especially when it comes to cleaning the instruments(it’s a long process and sometimes is the reason for a crowded waiting room).”
10. **Training/Education:** “High school GED, Post-secondary certificate, associate's degree or bachelor's degree, complete a dental hygienist program(state test), earn a license(pass exams).”
11. **Was it difficult to find work:** “I personally don’t think it was, just because i had family in the medical and dental departments who helped me out alot with letters of recommendation and job interviews.”
12. **Has the job market changed/ do you think it will:** “Yes, I do believe the job market is changing in a very positive way for dental hygienists

and is supposed to be changing more and more drastically over the years”

13. **Advice:** “Be able to deal with your work problems and personal problems, but never confuse them or bring them together. You **HAVE** to be hardworking in this field, and make sure this is exactly what you want to do in life before deciding. Just be prepared.”
14. **Prepare:** “Work hard and study. Read and read and study some more. This is one of the jobs you cannot and will not get if you don’t put your all into it”
15. **Need to know:** “When your professors tell you to order all of the books and give you websites to visit and professionals to talk to, take it. If you’re being offered help in this field, your best option is to take all of it that you can get.”

Reflection: After interviewing Ann Annsberry, wanting to be a dental hygienist has never been more clear to me. Seeing how she goes to work every day and continues to love her job and what she does for a living even after 7 years, makes me want to be this happy in this field. I love how she said they need more dental hygienists in offices because it may or may not make it less difficult to find a job once I get out of college. She loves working with kids, and I think interviewing her made me expand my mind and consider working with children when I go into the dental field. I was given a lot of useful information and advice from Ann, and I’m glad I was able to speak with her and talk to her about her career and my future.