

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium DENTAL HEALTH AIDE - UPDATE

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Dental Health Aide Therapist - Training Center

- The students have been doing great with their classes. They participated in the Prevention conference sponsored by CHAP and were able to hear the wise words of Stephanie Woods, a practicing DHAT from Maniilaq region.
- The last quarter ended with the UW having instructors like John Riley and Grace Landel teaching general sciences.
- The last week of the quarter the students prepared for exams, prepared to move, and attended the conference.
- The students have just returned from their spring break, all seem to be refreshed. The spring quarter will be an intense one. They will start seeing patients soon, as well as continue with a rigorous didactic course of study. The equipment has been installed into the new training facility. We are busy stocking the units and getting the final touches on the technical components.
- The first instructor of the second quarter is Dr. Dolphine Oda who is a Professor of Oral Pathology in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Washington. Dr. Oda's main commitments are to patient care and teaching. She works efficiently to give patients the best service possible and students the most up-to-date and clinically applied knowledge of oral diseases. Dr. Oda received her dental degree



in 1975 from the University of Baghdad and graduate training in Surgical and Oral Pathology from the University of Manitoba School of Medicine and the Indiana University School of Dentistry. She also received special training at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. She is diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and she holds a Washington dental license. She is also a member of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Internal

Association of Oral Pathologists, and the United States-Canadian Academy of Pathology.

- The training center is completely renovated and fully stocked. The facility renovation started by acquiring the permits to move-in within 60 days, which was a very aggressive schedule