

Master Syllabus

DEH 1102 - Introduction to Dental Hygiene

Division: Health Sciences

Department: Dental Health Sciences

Credit Hour Total: 1.0

Lecture Hrs: 1.0

Date Revised: June 2015

Course Description:

Orientation to terms related specifically to the science of dentistry to prepare students for the dental hygiene program. Includes dental terminology application along with definitions and relationships of words to other similar dental terms, the use of root words, prefixes and suffixes related to dentistry. Introduction to the profession of dental hygiene and the ethics, laws and rules. Students are strongly encouraged to take SCC 1101 prior to this course.

General Education Outcomes:

- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- Information Literacy Competency
- Oral Communication Competency

Course Outcomes:

Structure of dental terms

Combine terms and separate them into meaningful parts (prefix, root word, suffix) to define the term.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria:

Student scores 70% or higher on the comprehensive final exam

Spelling, pronunciation, and pluralization knowledge

Utilize knowledge to correctly spell, pronounce, and pluralize dental terms.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria:

70% or higher on the comprehensive final

Professional differentiation

Differentiate the dental hygiene profession by its history, ethics, and legal implications.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria:

70% or higher on final exam

Definitions of dental terms

Define the meaning of dental terms related to anatomy, tooth structure, practice and facilities, infection control, emergency care, examination and prevention, pain management, radiography, tooth restoration, and cosmetic dentistry.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria:

70% or higher on final exam

Oral communication

Compose and organize communication messages for discussion forums where rubric requires quality information and professional language.

Assessment Method: Written surveys and/or questionnaires

Performance Criteria:

Rubric requires quality information communicated in a professional language.

Outline:

Word building, recognition, spelling and pronunciation of dental terms

The profession of dental hygiene and the significance of being a professional

History, ethics, and legal implications in dentistry

Tooth anatomy, examination, and prevention

Practice, facility, infection control

Emergency care and pain management

Radiography, restorations, and cosmetic dentistry