

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: October 2013

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
- ▣ Information Literacy

Course Outcomes:

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

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

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