

**DHYG 245-PRINCIPLES OF PRACTICE 2 CREDITS**  
**SYLLABUS**

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**CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

Examination of the dental hygienist's role in practice settings including dental office management, employment considerations in both traditional and non-traditional settings, the future role of the dental hygienist, resume preparation, and job interviewing. Emphasis on the laws governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in New Mexico and the ethical standards established by the dental hygiene profession.

Prerequisites: DHYG 229, 233, 234, 235 and 237 enrolled in or completed with a C or above PSYC120.

Co-requisites: DHYG 243, 244, 247.

Semester Offered: Spring

***Common Student Learning Outcomes***

*Upon successful completion of San Juan College programs and degrees, the student will demonstrate competency in...*

**Broad and Specialized Learning**

Students will actively and independently acquire, apply, and adapt skills and knowledge with an awareness of global contexts.

**Critical Thinking**

Students will think analytically and creatively to explore ideas, make connections, draw conclusions and solve problems.

**Cultural and Civic Engagement**

Students will act purposefully, reflectively, and ethically in diverse and complex environments.

**Effective Communication**

Students will exchange ideas and information with clarity in multiple contexts.

**Information Literacy**

Students will be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use it effectively.

**Integrating Technologies**

Students will demonstrate fluency in the application and use of technologies in multiple contexts.

*Student work from this class may be randomly selected and used anonymously for assessment of course, program, and/or institutional learning outcomes. For more information, please refer to the Dean of the appropriate School.*

**Course Goals**

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Describe ethical and legal theories, principles and considerations that impact on moral and ethical decision making in the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.
2. Explain, in detail, the Board of Dental Health Care Rules that governs practice for a dentist, dental hygienist, and dental assistant in the State of New Mexico.

3. Compare the present and future role of dental hygiene in both traditional and non-traditional practice settings.
4. Describe various employment settings, preparing for employment, successful employment strategies for improving the work environment, employment compensation and employment opportunities, and strategies for obtaining career satisfaction.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to...

1. Describe ethical and legal theories, principles and considerations that impact on moral and ethical decision making in the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.
2. Discuss numerous ethical issues faced by dental professionals via role play, video and case study
3. Apply a protocol for ethical decision making in case studies
4. Be familiar with the obligations of trust, fidelity, autonomy and informed consent
5. Be able to apply and discuss ethical standards of dental professional conduct in case studies
6. Be familiar with the ADHA Code of Ethics as it related to the practice of dental hygiene
7. Explain, in detail, the Board of Dental Health Care Rules that governs practice for a dentist, dental hygienist, and dental assistant in the State of New Mexico.
8. List they types and circumstances of supervision found in each dental state practice act
9. Describe the legal scope of dental hygiene practice in respective states
10. Be familiar with the legal scope of practice of dental assistants, centrists and dentists in respective states
11. Discuss expanded functions/independent practice and collaborative practice models nation wide
12. Be able to pass a jurisprudence exam, with 75% accuracy conveying the rules and regulations in respective states
13. Compare the present and future role of dental hygiene in both traditional and non-traditional practice settings.
14. Describe various employment settings, preparing for employment, successful employment strategies for improving the work environment, employment compensation and employment opportunities, and strategies for obtaining career satisfaction.
15. Write and develop a professional resume for a dental hygiene position
16. Be familiar with a typical professional interview process
17. Discuss employment benefits as they relate to the dental hygienist
18. Apply negotiating skills relating to employee benefits
19. Identify dental office management styles
20. Discuss the importance of staff meetings
21. Differentiate between employer expectations and employee expectations
22. Discuss how marketing related to dental hygiene practice
23. Describe the basics of investments and money management
24. Explain the importance of disability insurance, liability insurance
25. Discuss time management issues in dental hygiene practice
26. Be familiar with CDT insurance codes as they relate to dental hygiene practice
27. Evaluate ethical issues surrounding marketing, third party financing, hiring, and employee rights, and the dishonest or impaired practitioner.