

DHYG 247 OS1 and O1-DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTICUM. 2 CREDITS

SYLLABUS

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

The practicum is designed to provide the student the opportunity to apply the theory of dental hygiene practice and supervised clinical experience to a practical, off campus setting.

Prerequisites: DHYG 229, 233, 234, 235, 237. Co-requisites: DHYG 243, 244, 245; and enrolled in completed PSYC 120 with a C or above.

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 Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate clinical competence in a variety of clinical practice settings.

2. Provide comprehensive dental hygiene care based on accepted scientific theories and research within the scope of the standards of dental hygiene care.
3. Provide accurate, consistent, and complete documentation for assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning, implementation, and evaluation of dental hygiene services.
4. Provide care to all patients using an individualized approach that is humane, private, empathetic, and caring without discrimination.
5. Apply a professional code of ethics and adhere to state laws in the provision of dental hygiene care.
6. Establish communication within an office setting with patients and staff members thereby integrating teamwork into the clinical practice.
7. Integrate the practicum experience into reflection papers that demonstrates the application of an advanced level of dental hygiene skill and knowledge.
8. Faculty can input outcomes in a wide-range of formats

Course Goals

1. The student will participate in a variety of extramural clinical settings as a dental hygiene student.
2. The student will demonstrate the theory of dental hygiene practice in various clinical settings to include treating:
 - Patients of various cultural and ethnic backgrounds
 - The child patient
 - Geriatric patients
 - Special Needs patients
 - Medically compromised patients
 - The provision of care to the underserved and similar clinical experiences.

Dental Hygiene Competencies

In addition to the Dental Hygiene Core Competencies, as well as the competencies in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Patient Care and Professional Growth and Development, the following Community Involvement Competencies are emphasized in this course:

Community Involvement (CM)

CM.1 Assess the oral health needs and services of the community to determine action plans and availability of resources to meet the health care needs.

CM.2 Provide screening, referral, and educational services that allow patients to access the resources of the health care system.

CM.3 Provide community oral health services in a variety of settings.

CM.4 Facilitate patient access to oral health services by influencing individuals or organizations for the provision of oral health care.

CM.5 Evaluate reimbursement mechanisms and their impact on the patient's access to oral health care.

CM.6 Evaluate the outcomes of community-based programs, and plan for future activities.

CM.7 Advocate for effective oral health care for underserved populations.