

Virginia Western Community College

DNH 245

Dental Hygiene IV

Prerequisites

Successful completion of DNH 244.

Course Description

Exposes student to current advances in dentistry. Includes supervised clinical practice in the dental hygiene clinic and/or off-campus clinical rotations at various community facilities and guest speakers from different specialties of dentistry. Emphasis is placed on synthesis of knowledge from previous semesters, treatment of clients with moderate to advanced periodontal involvement and improving clinical speed while maintaining quality in preparation for practice.

Semester Credits: 5

Lecture Hours: 1

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 12

Required Materials

Textbook:

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Serve as a mentor to first year students by conducting one or more assessment sessions, compiling constructive criticism and guidance, and providing feedback through discussion board.
- Successfully participate in a mock clinical examination to demonstrate preparedness for regional boards.
- Participate in series of professional discussions given by various dental health professionals.
- Participate in “real time” patient treatment assessments, write reflective and comparison paragraphs about the experience to demonstrate clinical speed.
- Demonstrate knowledge and familiarity with ADA-CDT codes through in-class exercises.
- Discuss and evaluate dental hygiene productivity in a Soft Tissue Management program in a paper.
- Discuss and debate dental hygiene salaries and dental practice costs on an online discussion board.
- Evaluate and discuss a professional dental product or instrument. Present findings to class.
- Present their professional portfolios to peers and faculty. Each student will conduct a self-evaluation to be included in the portfolio.

Topical Description

Mentoring and Insurance Coding

- Course Introduction
- Modified Oral Exam
- ADA-CDT Coding Defined
- Commonly Used Insurance Codes
- Coding –Monitoring Production
- The Cost of Running a Dental Practice Assignment & Discussion
- Salaries for Registered Dental Hygienists-Online Assignment & Discussion
- Blackboard Mentoring to First Year Dental Hygiene Students

Unit 2: Dental Hygiene Licensure

- Licensure Defined
- The Process
- National Board Dental Hygiene Examination
- Clinical Licensure
- State Licensure
- ADHA- Exam fees and Schedule
- Jurisprudence
- Virginia Licensure
- Southeast Region Testing Agency
- Mock SRTA Board (in clinic)
- Guest Speaker: SRTA representative
- Continue Bb Mentoring

Unit 3: Dental Specialties and the Dental Hygienist

- Orthodontics: Dr. Penny Lampros
- Periodontics: Dr. Linda Till

Unit 4: Dental Products and Instrument Review

- Assessment in Clinic of Approved Products or Instruments
- Oral Presentations of Products or Instruments
- Portfolio Presentations

Note to Instructors

1. Guest Speaker from Southern Regional Testing Agency
2. Guest Speaker:
3. Guest Speaker: