

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DNH 245 –

DENTAL HYGIENE V

PREREQUISITES

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. 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 CLINIC HOURS 12

REQUIRED MATERIALS

TEXTBOOKS:

- Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist by Boyd. 14th edition ISBN: 9781284255997 Jones & Bartlett Learning
- Virginia Western Community College, Dental Hygiene Student Guidelines and Procedures Manual ***current cohort updated edition***

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

- Darby, ML. Mosby's Comprehensive Review of Dental Hygiene, 9th Edition. Mosby, 2022. ISBN# 9780323679480

COURSE OUTCOMES:

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

1. Demonstrate effective mentorship skills by conducting one or more assessment sessions with first-year students, providing constructive written and verbal feedback, and engaging in reflective discussion board dialogue.
2. Participate in and contribute to professional discussions presented by dental and oral health professionals, demonstrating engagement with current issues and practices in the field.

3. Demonstrate clinical efficiency by participating in real-time patient treatment assessments and completing a written reflective comparison analyzing clinical performance and time management.
4. Demonstrate knowledge and application of current ADA–CDT codes relevant to dental hygiene practice.
5. Evaluate and discuss current advances in dentistry through peer-led presentations, demonstrating the ability to analyze and communicate emerging trends and evidence-based practices.
6. Demonstrate attainment of selected dental hygiene program objectives by presenting and critically evaluating a professional portfolio to peers and faculty.
7. Apply foundational dental hygiene knowledge by completing National Board Review assignments in preparation for licensure examination.

TOPICAL DESCRIPTION

WEEK 1 Mentoring

WEEK 2 Clinical Board Exam Overview

WEEK 3 Case Studies

WEEK 4 Instrumentation Board Review

WEEK 5 Mini Case Study

WEEK 6 Science Review

WEEK 7 Dental Coding

WEEK 8 Advances in Dentistry

WEEK 9 Spring Break!

WEEK 10 Travel Dental Hygiene

WEEK 11 Career Opportunities for the RDH

WEEK 12 Financial Readiness

WEEK 13 Patient Cofacilitation