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Dental Hygiene (DNTH) 2024 Clinical Practice I (4 Units) CSU
[formerly Dental Hygiene 24]

Prerequisite: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Hygiene Program courses with a grade of “C” or better

Prerequisite knowledge/skills:

Before entering the course the student should be able to:

1. explain the theory of disease transmission and the necessity for asepsis in dentistry,
2. explain the purpose of a complete dental record and its component parts,
3. demonstrate communication skills that help ensure a thorough health history,
4. practice universal precautions on all patients,
5. use proper techniques for obtaining patients' vital signs,
6. describe and use extra-oral and intra-oral inspection techniques including:
 - a. the names of all structures to be visually inspected and palpated,
 - b. normal landmarks associated with these structures,
 - c. the prescribed method of palpation for each structure and
 - d. common abnormalities that may be detected,
7. use selection criteria to recommend radiographic surveys for new and returning patients,
8. identify and record, from radiographs, restorations, suspicious areas, periodontal findings, periapical disease and bony abnormalities,
9. complete comprehensive dental chartings,
10. describe the nature and formation of dental plaque and its importance in the etiology of periodontal disease,
11. locate and identify various amounts of calculus,
12. integrate the periodontal examination into the assessment, planning and evaluation phases of dental hygiene therapy,
13. integrate plaque and gingival inflammation indices in daily clinical practice for the assessment, planning and evaluation of dental hygiene therapy,
14. describe and use Angle's classification system to determine molar relationships,
15. define the terms "overbite" and "overjet" and demonstrate how to measure each,
16. design treatment plans to meet the specific needs of each patient,

17. provide patient care that balances professional treatment and patient self-care,
18. select and educate patients about oral hygiene procedures, products and devices that specifically meet their individual needs for plaque control,
19. administer a professional topical fluoride treatment,
20. determine which type of hand instrument and which instrument design is most appropriate to be used, based on type and location of oral deposits,
21. be able to provide efficient and effective debridement with the following instruments:
 - a. sickle scalers,
 - b. universal curets,
 - c. area-specific curets,
22. adapt the correct working and cutting edge of any hand scaling instrument in all appropriate areas of the mouth,
23. integrate instrument sharpening into daily clinical practice,
24. maintain the design features of instruments during the instrument sharpening procedure,
25. identify and recommend appropriate antimicrobial plaque-control agents for various patient types, and
26. use polishing procedures to remove plaque and stain without causing trauma or discomfort.

Total Hours: 16 hours lecture; 144 hours lab hours (160 hours total)

Catalog Description: This course provides beginning clinical experience in the treatment of adult and child patients. Various clinical procedures utilizing scaling and polishing techniques, extra-oral and intra-oral inspections, cancer screening, dental and periodontal charting, plaque control instructions and topical fluoride application will be put into supervised practice.

Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit

Text:

Wilkins, Esther M. *Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist*. 11th ed. Philadelphia: LWW, 2013. Print.

Nield-Gehrig, Jill S. *Fundamentals of Periodontal Instrumentation*. 57th ed. Philadelphia: LWW, 2012. Print.

Additional Instructional Materials: Taft College Dental Hygiene (TCDH) Clinic Manual

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, a successful student will be able to:

1. provide quality dental hygiene care to the child and simple adult case type patients,
2. demonstrate beginner skill level in performing basic treatment procedures with faculty supervision and assistance,
3. provide preventive, educational and therapeutic services supporting total health and the control and/or prevention of oral diseases,
4. demonstrate attitudes and behaviors which encourage the students to work as part of the dental health care team,
5. demonstrate understanding, sensitivity and commitment to meeting the oral health care needs of a

- diverse socioeconomic, cultural and ethnic population,
- 6. demonstrate professional conduct at all times, and
- 7. abide by the rules and regulations as outlined in the TCDH Clinic Manual.

Course Scope and Content: (Lecture)

Unit I TCDH Policies and Procedures Manual

- A. HIPPA
- B. Exposure Control Plan
- C. Needle Stick Policy
- D. Critical Errors
- E. Professionalism
- F. Confidentiality Statement

Unit II Clinic Protocols and Review of Clinic Manual

- A. Absenteeism
- B. Patient Scheduling
- C. Patient Cancellation and No show
- D. No Clinic Days
- E. Daily Clinic Critique Forms
- F. Student Rotations
- G. Faculty Rotations
- H. Complaint Form
- I. Program Competencies

Unit III Performance Evaluations and Requirements

- A. Criteria
- B. Allowable Errors
- C. Student Expectations
- D. Faculty Expectations
- E. Clinic Binders

Unit IV Evaluations and Grading Criteria

- A. Number of Completed Performance Evaluations and Requirements
- B. Daily Clinic Critique Form
- C. Midterm and Final Conferences
- D. Faculty Advisors

Unit V Emergency Procedures

- A. Medical Emergencies
- B. Lock Down Procedures

C. Evacuation Plan

Unit VI Discussions Relating to Clinical Situations

- A. Evaluations
- B. Daily Clinic Critique Forms
- C. Student Concerns

Unit VII Clinical Enrichment Experiences

- A. Bakersfield School Based Clinic
- B. East Kern School Based Dental Clinic

Course Scope and Content: (Laboratory)

Unit I Clinical Patient Care

- A. The child patient
- B. The adult patient
 - 1. Calculus code Simple I, Simple II, Moderate
 - 2. Periodontal case type I and II

Unit II The Dental Hygiene Process of Care

- A. Assessment
- B. Dental Hygiene diagnosis
- C. Dental Hygiene Treatment Plan
- D. Implementation of Care
- E. Evaluation and Re-care

Unit III Clinical Responsibilities

- A. Set up/clean up
- B. Infection control
- C. Processing of instruments
- D. Assistant duties
- E. Clinical etiquette/professionalism

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class:

The students in this class will spend a minimum of 2 hours per week outside of the regular class time doing the following:

1. Independent reading and study
2. Patient recruitment

Methods of Instruction:

1. One-on-one skill demonstration and evaluation by the clinical faculty on treatment procedures while treating patients

2. Supervised treatment of appropriately selected patients for their beginning skill level

Methods of Evaluation:

1. Performance Evaluations
2. Daily Clinic Feedback Forms
3. Observation of students' Professional Attitudes and Behaviors
4. Completion of all Assigned Rotations and Clinical Enrichment Activities

Laboratory Category: Extensive Laboratory

Pre delivery criteria: All of the following criteria are met by this lab.

1. Curriculum development for each lab.
2. Published schedule of individual laboratory activities.
3. Published laboratory activity objectives.
4. Published methods of evaluation.
5. Supervision of equipment maintenance, laboratory setup, and acquisition of lab materials and supplies.

During laboratory activity of the laboratory: All of the following criteria are met by this lab.

1. Instructor is physically present in lab when students are performing lab activities.
2. Instructor is responsible for active facilitation of laboratory learning.
3. Instructor is responsible for active delivery of curriculum.
4. Instructor is required for safety and mentoring of lab activities.
5. Instructor is responsible for presentation of significant evaluation.

Post laboratory activity of the laboratory: All of the following criteria are met by this lab.

1. Instructor is responsible for personal evaluation of significant student outcomes (lab exercises, exams, practicals, notebooks, portfolios, etc.) that become a component of the student grade that cover the majority of lab exercises performed during the course.
2. Instructor is responsible for supervision of laboratory clean up of equipment and materials.

Supplemental Data:

TOP Code:	124020: Dental Hygienist
SAM Priority Code:	C: Clearly Occupational
Distance Education:	Not Applicable
Funding Agency:	Y: Not Applicable(funds not used)
Program Status:	1: Program Applicable

Noncredit Category:	Y: Not Applicable, Credit Course
Special Class Status:	N: Course is not a special class
Basic Skills Status:	N: Course is not a basic skills course
Prior to College Level:	Y: Not applicable
Cooperative Work Experience:	N: Is not part of a cooperative work experience education program
Eligible for Credit by Exam:	NO
Eligible for Pass/No Pass:	NO
Taft College General Education:	NONE