

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION
DENTAL ASSISTING
Revision Date: 11/2023

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Course Number: DENT 1224
Course Title: Oral Hygiene
Prerequisite(s):

Catalog Description: This course is designed to provide students with knowledge and understanding to aid patients with their optimal oral health. It includes preventative dentistry, periodontal disease, nutrition, and dental caries. Communicating oral care instructions with patients and performing coronal polish and pit and fissure sealants on manikin.

Credit Hours: 2.5
Class Hours: 23
Lab Hours: 45
Total Contact Hours: 68

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES: *Course will:*

1. Introduce what plaque is and how it contributes to periodontal disease.
2. Discuss correct methods used to control and maintain plaque and periodontal disease.
3. Understand the purpose, different types and uses of dental fluoride.
4. Understand nutrition and oral care needs of patients with disabilities.
5. Introduce the purpose and proper technique of dental sealants.
6. Introduce the purpose and proper technique of coronal polishing.

Note: Unit objectives are located in the learning management system within each unit of study.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES:

A. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: *The student will be able to:*

1. Utilize oral health care prevention methods and supplemental aids to control plaque and to maintain periodontal disease.
2. Describe the purpose, types and uses of fluoride in dentistry.
3. Demonstrate ability to provide instruction and education in oral health care to an adult patient.
4. Demonstrate on a manikin proper technique for coronal polish of teeth.
5. Demonstrate proper technique when applying dental sealants on a manikin.
6. Describe effective oral care for a patient with special needs.

B. GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

GELO 3: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Outcomes: Synthesize information to arrive at reasoned solutions to problems.

IV. CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE (*course outline may provide more detailed information*)

A. Oral Hygiene

1. Prevention of Dental Caries, Plaque and Periodontal Disease Maintenance
2. Supplemental Aids, Home Care Techniques and Patient Education and Special Patient Care Techniques
3. Use and Application of Fluorides
4. Dental Calculus and Dental Prophylaxis
5. Coronal Polish (manikin)
6. Dental Sealants (manikin)

V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED

A. Required Text(s):

Bird and Torres. *Modern Dental Assisting* (current edition). Saunders. (textbook)
The Chairside Educator, American Dental Association (current edition)
Bartdomucci, B. *Dental Instrument Pocket Guide* (current edition). Saunders.
Stuhr. *Modern Dental Terminology Online* (current edition) Saunders (online-text).

VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION

A. Methods of presentation typically include a combination of the following:

1. Lecture
2. Demonstration
3. Handout Materials
4. Class Participation/Presentations
5. Case Studies and Group Work
6. Power Point slides and videos
7. Activity worksheets
8. Engaged learning activities

VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION

A. Methods of evaluation typically include a combination of assignments, quizzes, exam, projects, skill checkoffs, etc. For grading expectations, please see the course information document.

SCC STANDARD GRADING SCALE POLICY:

A+	95-100	C+	75-79
A	90-94	C	70-74
B+	85-89	D+	65-69
B	80-84	D	60-64
		F	Below 60

VIII. SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. ATTENDANCE

Attendance is crucial to the success of this course. Any class missed could mean valuable missed information, which is difficult to obtain. Please notify the instructor of any pending absences or if you will be late prior scheduled time. See program handbook for all program policies.

Please see course information document for course policies related to grading, expectations, assignments, assessments, and participation.