Course Competency

DEA 0800L Clinical Practice 1

Course Description

This course introduces students to the basic clinical dental assisting skills as theorized in DEA 0020. Students will be required to participate and observe clinical and administrative activities in the campus dental clinic and rotate through other community clinics/dental offices where they will get an opportunity to work with a varied patient population. Concentration of study will include reception and dismissal of patients, patient management, establishing and maintaining records, obtaining and recording medical/dental histories and vital signs, charting, planning appointments, assisting with or performing various dental procedures, and utilizing practice management system.

Course Competency	Learning Outcomes
Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of infection control and dental equipment maintenance by:	 Critical thinking Information Literacy
1. 1. Demonstrating proper care, infection control and maintenance of dental equipment. 2. Demonstrate infection control before, during, and after patient treatment. 3. Explain methods for cleaning and sterilizing instruments.	
Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge of tray set-ups and equipment used in the dental operatory by: 1.	Critical thinking Information Literacy
1. 1. Observing the set-up for various dental procedures (e.g., general restorative, specialty procedures). 2. Demonstrating the proper set-up for various dental procedures (e.g., general restorative, specialty procedures). 3. Identify the basic parts of dental instruments.	
Competency 3: The student will demonstrate knowledge of four handed dentistry and chair side assisting by:	Critical thinking Information Literacy

1. 1. Explaining the roles of the dental assistant during four handed dentistry. 2. Identify techniques (e.g., high-volume evacuation, retractions, isolation etc.) of instruments exchange and chairside assisting. 3. Observe various dental procedures (e.g., orthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontics, prosthodontics, etc.) 4. Demonstrating four-handed dentistry via various dental procedures (e.g., restorative, oral and maxillofacial surgery, endodontics etc.) 5. Observing and demonstrating the process of preparing an operatory for patient treatment.	
Competency 4: The student will demonstrate knowledge of expanded duties functions and use of dental materials by:	1. Critical thinking
1. 1. Observing the process and techniques of various expanded duties. 2. Demonstrating the process and techniques of various expanded duties. 3. Selecting the proper tools and supplies used for various expanded duties.	
Competency 5: The student will demonstrate knowledge of practice management systems used in dentistry by:	1. Critical thinking
 1. Observing the use of practice management software. 2. Demonstrating the use of practice management software. 3. Describe concepts related to ensuring confidentiality and privacy of patient information. 	
Competency 6: The student will demonstrate knowledge of ethical and professional behavior by:	
1. 1. Demonstrating ethical and professional behavior. 2. Demonstrating oral communication skills. 3. Identify barriers to effective communication.	

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