

Course Description

DEH 1940L | Dental Hygiene 1 Optional Learning Support | 1 credit

This course is designed to enhance student's basic clinical skills and critical thinking abilities. Special emphasis is placed on collaborative learning techniques, effective decision-making, proper time management and self-assessment as students interact with their peers and apply their skills and knowledge in the treatment of clinical patients.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will analyze his or her clinical proficiency level by:

- a. Reflecting on his or her clinical strengths and weaknesses.
- b. Developing a list of skills requiring supportive instruction.
- c. Planning clinical activities that will increase his or her abilities.

Learning Outcomes

- Communication
- Numbers / Data
- Critical Thinking
- Ethical issues

Competency 2: The student will make efficient use of time by:

- a. Preparing for clinical appointments in an organized and systematic manner.
- b. Paying close attention to detail.
- c. Repeating procedures until they become habit.

Competency 3: The student will increase knowledge and application of clinical procedures and instrumentation by:

- a. Reviewing the purpose and use of all clinical records and forms.
- b. Obtaining all of the information that is required to successfully complete the patient's therapy.
- c. Adhering to infection control procedures that will eliminate cross contamination and the risk of disease transmission.
- d. Assessing the patient to determine the type of comprehensive treatment that is required, and preparing a care plan that manages the patient's therapy.
- e. Using preventive agents to improve the dental health status of the patient.
- f. Planning individualized patient instruction in tooth brushing and the use of dental floss.