

Course Description

DEH 2702L | Community Dental Health II | 2 credits

This course is designed to provide an opportunity for the dental hygiene student to deliver health education in a community setting. This experience will allow the student to promote oral health in an environment other than private practice to a population with special needs. In addition, it will provide the opportunity to interact with other medical and dental health professionals.

Course Competencies

Competency 1:

The student will be able to demonstrate comprehension and application of planning a community dental health education program by:

- a) assessing the target population.
- b) identifying population demographics.
- c) conducting an oral health survey to determine oral health needs.
- d) surveying the population to determine dental health knowledge, attitudes, values, and behaviors.

Learning Outcomes

- *Learning outcome 1* Communication
- *Learning outcome 2* Critical Thinking
- *Learning outcome 1* Cultural / Global Perspective
- *Learning outcome 2* Social Responsibility
- *Learning outcome 1* Ethical issues
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Competency 2:

The student will be able to demonstrate comprehension and application of planning a dental health education program to meet dental needs based on the results of the assessment by:

- a) identifying available resources.
- b) discussing the survey results with appropriate staff and personnel.
- c) formulating program goals and objectives.
- d) identifying constraints or barriers affecting goal attainment.
- e) identifying sources and/or services which would support program success.
- f) outlining activities to meet program objectives.

Learning Outcomes

- *Learning outcome 1* Communication

- *Learning outcome 2* Critical Thinking
- *Learning outcome 1* Cultural / Global Perspective
- *Learning outcome 2* Social Responsibility
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Competency 3:

The student will be able to demonstrate comprehension and application of implementing the dental health education program to meet the oral health needs of the population by:

- a) monitoring the program on a continuous basis to identify need for revisions.
- b) continuing to seek and develop avenues to support program activities.
- c) continuing to enlist the support of other health professionals.

Learning Outcomes

- *Learning outcome 1* Communication
- *Learning outcome 2* Critical Thinking
- *Learning outcome 1* Cultural / Global Perspective
- *Learning outcome 2* Social Responsibility
- *Learning outcome 1* Ethical issues
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Competency 4:

The student will be able to demonstrate comprehension and application of evaluating the dental health education program to determine if population needs were met by:

- a) assessing the population using the same instruments used in the assessment.
- b) identifying whether program goals and objectives were met.
- c) providing suggestions for other members of the setting so they can continue to incorporate dental health education activities in the future.
- d) reflecting on the personal growth, client satisfaction and oral health improvements made because of the program.

Learning Outcomes

- *Learning outcome 1* Communication
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- *Learning outcome 1* Cultural / Global Perspective
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- *Learning outcome 1* Ethical issues
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