

Course Description

DEA0031 | Oral Pathology | 1.00 credit

This course introduces principles of general pathology with an emphasis on conditions related to the oral cavity. There is a concentration on recognition of normal and abnormal conditions of the oral cavity and surrounding tissues.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of pathology by:

- 1. Defining and describing oral pathology terms
- 2. Identifying the basic principles of general and oral pathology
- 3. Describing the characteristic, signs, symptoms, and treatment of benign and malignant lesions
- 4. Correlating the signs and symptoms or oral abnormalities with etiologic factors

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge oral lesions by:

- 1. Identifying oral lesions and describing the etiology, symptoms and treatment
- 2. Recognizing normal and abnormal tissue with consideration for location, onset, duration and appearance and morphology
- 3. Describing the characteristics, signs, symptoms, and treatment of the most comment oral infection disease
- 4. Describing and recognizing the physical and chemical injuries of the hard and soft oral tissues

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the body's immune response by:

- 1. Explaining the immune responses and autoimmunity associated with oral diseases
- 2. Identifying and describing the clinical manifestations of the mechanisms of inflammation, neoplasia, wound healing, and other conditions of the head and neck region
- 3. Describing and identifying the local and systemic signs of inflammation
- 4. Describing the microscopic events of the inflammatory process and the regeneration/repair process

Learning Outcomes:

- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information

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