



Course Description

DEH1710 | Oral Health Literacy | 1.00 credit

Students will learn the concepts of oral health literacy. Students will also identify how to improve a patient's oral health literacy and the barriers that impede oral health care.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge and comprehension of oral health literacy by:

1. Defining oral health literacy
2. Discussing the basic concepts of health literacy and its relation to oral health
3. Summarizing the impact of oral health literacy on an individual's health
4. Implementing strategies to improve oral health literacy with patients

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge and comprehension of oral health care by:

1. Identifying communication and other barriers that impede effective oral health communication
2. Describing and utilizing techniques to improve oral health communication and increase understanding by individuals with limited health literacy
3. Collaborating with community partners on oral health literacy issues

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate knowledge and comprehension of the impact culture has on oral health care by:

1. Defining cultural competence
2. Identifying the impact culture has on health behaviors and attitudes
3. Implementing strategies to overcome cultural barriers to oral health care

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities