



Course Description

DEH1940L | Dental Hygiene 1 Optional Learning Support | 1.00 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:

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

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

1. Preparing for clinical appointments in an organized and systematic manner
2. Paying close attention to detail
3. Repeating procedures until they become a habit

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

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

Learning Outcomes

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society