



## **Course Description**

### **DEH2702L | Community Dental Health II | 2.00 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:

1. Assessing the target population
2. Identifying population demographics
3. Conducting an oral health survey to determine oral health needs
4. Surveying the population to determine dental health knowledge, attitudes, values, and behaviors

**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:

1. Identifying available resources
2. Discussing the survey results with appropriate staff and personnel
3. Formulating program goals and objectives
4. Identifying constraints or barriers affecting goal attainment
5. Identifying sources and/or services which would support program success
6. Outlining activities to meet program objectives

**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:

1. Monitoring the program on a continuous basis to identify the need for revisions.
2. Continuing to seek and develop avenues to support program activities
3. Continuing to enlist the support of other health professionals

**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:

1. Assessing the population using the same instruments used in the assessment
2. Identifying whether program goals and objectives were met
3. Providing suggestions for other members of the setting so they can continue to incorporate dental health education activities in the future
4. Reflecting on the personal growth, client satisfaction and oral health improvements made because of the program

## **Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society