

Course Description

DEH2808L | Dental Hygiene 5 Clinic | 2 credits

DEH2808L will encompass a continuation of clinical assessment and advanced dental hygiene skills, theory, and current practices. Emphasis will be placed on time utilization, refinement of skills in root planning and ultrasonic scaling, desensitization of selected patients, clinical treatment of periodontal disease with non-surgical therapy and problem solving relating to clinical procedures. In addition, students will focus on comprehensive patient care and the use and application of local anesthesia.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge, application, and comprehension of peer review evaluation by:

1. Evaluating their freshman peers' clinical performance in a proficient manner
2. Evaluating the educational process from the viewpoint of the clinician
3. Evaluating the educational process from the viewpoint of the dental hygiene educator

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge, application, and comprehension of therapeutic treatment to periodontal patients using a comprehensive approach to treatment by:

1. Providing adequate assessments and care planning procedures relative to their patients' periodontal condition and related risk factors
2. Successfully attaining a grade of 75% and above in their clinical evaluations on scaling and root planning
3. Using the patient care plan to offer comprehensive treatment with clinical procedures that are evidenced based on the patient's need

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate knowledge, application, and comprehension of clinic responsibilities for successful completion of the Final Mock State Board Patient by:

1. Stating the Florida State Board patient criteria for the clinical examination
2. Selecting the appropriate patient for the successful completion of the clinical final mock board examination (Criteria are the same as for the clinical state board examination)

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate knowledge, application, and comprehension of dental hygiene care of the clinic requirements by:

1. Identifying the need for adjunctive periodontal therapy on the appropriate patient, performing the treatment and re-evaluation
2. Taking proper study cast models on a patient and using them as a visual aid for home care instructions
3. Completing program requirement of entire mouth series radiographs and bitewing radiographs following the A.D.A. guidelines for prescribing radiographs
4. One digital complete mouth series radiograph or one horizontal bitewing radiograph

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Use quantitative analytical skills to evaluate and process numerical data
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information