

Course Description**DEH3703 | Oral Health Care: Determinants and Directions | 3.00 credits**

This course provides an overview of the theoretical foundations used to examine the determinants of oral health and their relationship to a range of public concerns. It explores how these factors influence policy development at the community, state, and national levels. Emphasis is placed on health care, economic, and environmental conditions as well as their interconnections through various theoretical frameworks.

Course Competencies

Course Competency 1: The student will demonstrate an understanding of theoretical and applied principles used to examine community concerns by:

1. Describing the perspectives of major theories.
2. Analyzing differing viewpoints to develop a deeper understanding of community challenges.
3. Designing hypothetical policies that integrate theoretical and practical approaches to community concerns.

Course Competency 2: The student will analyze how public policy are defined and explore how programs are researched, developed, brought forward for consideration, approval, implementation and evaluation by:

1. Gathering and synthesizing evidence and data from secondary and primary sources.
2. Discussing the historical significance and development in terms of economics, community responsibility, and organizational structure.
3. Identifying how existing service agencies support communities and how they are perceived, reviewed, rated, and funded.
4. Applying theoretical and practical frameworks to public policy decisions.

Course Competency 3: The student will compare and contrast the effects of varying perspectives on developing, implementing, and evaluating public policies by:

1. Examining themes to understand a range of approaches to community issues.
2. Developing a community overview based on demographic and historical factors.
3. Analyzing communication dynamics involved in the policy process.