



Course Description

DEH4854 | Leadership in Dental Hygiene | 3.00 credits

This course focuses on the theories, concepts and principles of leadership. Emphasis will be on the development of leadership skills related to personal behavior, communication, organization and self-evaluation. This course explores opportunities to develop leadership roles appropriate to the dental hygiene profession.

Course Competencies

Course Competency 1: The student will be able to distinguish between leadership and management by:

1. Understanding how leadership principles and processes differ from management approaches.
2. Listing concepts of leadership.
3. Listing concepts of management.

Course Competency 2: The student will be able to identify the roles and functions of dental hygiene leaders by:

1. Describing the role of dental hygiene leaders.
2. Recognizing the responsibilities of dental hygiene leaders.
3. Using research principles to list the functions of dental hygiene leaders.

Course Competency 3: The student will be able to identify effective communication and critical thinking by:

1. Explaining the effect leaders' communication behaviors have upon fellow attitudes, motivation, commitment, trust, and self-confidence.
2. Describing how to incorporate critical thinking skills in the decision-making process.
3. Identifying at least two communication theories appropriate to the profession of a dental hygienist.