

Course Description

DES0021 | Dental Anatomy | 3.00 credits

This course provides a study of the anatomy of human dentition, its development and function. A detailed study of bony, muscular, circulatory, and nervous systems of the head and neck is included. An introduction to oral histology will also be offered.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the structures of the oral cavity by:

- 1. Describing the normal anatomical structures of the oral cavity
- 2. Identifying the component of the periodontium
- 3. Describing the characteristics of healthy gingiva

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge of anatomy of the head and neck by:

- 1. Identifying muscles, bones, nerves, blood vessels of the head, neck, and oral cavity
- 2. Describing tooth anatomy and histology and embryology
- 3. Listing where each type of tooth is in the mouth

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate knowledge of clinical conditions as related to head and neck anatomy by:

- 1. Describing clinical considerations of dental conditions
- 2. Explaining the types of occlusions and the significance of each
- 3. Classifying teeth according to dentition, arch, quadrant, and tooth
- 4. Recognize Angle's classification of occlusion using models, diagrams, or photographs

Learning Outcomes:

Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning

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