

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSE CONTENT GUIDE

Course Title: Pre-Dental Hygiene Internship
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Content Area: Natural & Physical Sciences
Discipline Area: Natural and Physical Sciences

Course Description

Provides students with the opportunity to supplement coursework with practical work experience related to their educational program. Students work under the immediate supervision of experienced personnel at the business location and with the direct guidance of the instructor.

Requisites for the Course:

Dental Office and Internship Director Approval.

Expected Student Outcomes or Competencies

- A. Demonstrate understanding and application of the Team Concept and work ethics of a dental practice and its relations to the dental hygiene profession.
- B. Demonstrate understanding of and apply personal professionalism in a dental practice and its relations to the dental hygiene profession. To include conduct and appearance.
- C. Demonstrate understanding of issues and regulations concerning health and safety in the dental office and apply this knowledge in relation to the dental hygiene profession.
- D. Demonstrate appropriate asepsis, personal protective equipment use, and haz-com standards in relation to the dental hygiene profession.
- E. Understand and be able to apply techniques of film processing and darkroom procedures.
- F. Demonstrate understanding and competence in the sterilization and care of dental instruments.
- G. Gain a fundamental understanding of patient education in the dental setting.
- H. Understand basic ethics involved in patient health care.
- I. Other: Techniques or information to be determined by the Dental Office.

Credit hours:

Credits will be assigned as 1 credit for each 45 hours of internship in a dental office and will be based upon the schedule agreed to by the Dental Office, Student, and Internship Director as determined at the end of the Internship..

Integration of Critical Skills:

Integration Activities are included for the following competencies:

Critical Thinking, Reading,
 Technology, Written Communication
 Mathematics

Expectations for satisfactory student performance:

-Students are volunteer employees of, and are chosen by, the dental office. In addition to following all college policies the student is required to meet the requirements of the dental office in which they are employed. Failure to abide by college or dental office policies may result in being fired from the intern position and will result in the student failing out of the internship program.

-Students will be on time and meet all scheduled internship hours. Missing scheduled internship hours may reduce credits gained or fail the student out of the internship program.

Course content and assessment

- All forms for this course can be found at www.chemhaven.org/hpr180
- Prior to the start of the internship the dental office will determine which of competencies will be fulfilled. The student and dental office will complete and return the Memorandum of Understanding to the Internship Director for approval.
- Students will work with a Dentist or Dental Hygienist for 80 hours.
- The student will keep a Daily Journal to include techniques, methods and information learned or performed during the internship.
- The student will write a Summative Report at the end of the internship summarizing the students learning experience, and describing successes and challenges presented during their experience, to be corroborated by the student's journal. The summary report should include a section listing all training received, and a section describing how the 7 tasks were fulfilled.
- The Dental Office will complete an Evaluation of the student's performance at the end of the internship and return it to the Internship Director.
- Grades will be given as Satisfactory (S) for completion of the Internship, or Failure (F) to meet competencies and will be based upon the student's journal, report and the Dental Office's assessment.

- The instructor reserves the right to make necessary changes to this syllabus without notice to meet college, departmental, and state policies.