



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

DHY 231 Community Dentistry

CREDIT HOURS: 4.00

CONTACT HOURS: 60.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Community dental health is concerned with the knowledge, attitudes, skills and behaviors necessary to promote oral health and prevent oral disease through community based efforts. This course is designed to introduce students to the basic principles of dental public health and the responsibilities of the dental hygienist in promoting oral health and preventing oral disease in a community. The health care system including the social, political, psychological, cultural and economic forces directing the system will be discussed. Special emphasis is placed on the role of the dental hygienist in community practice as distinct from the traditional clinical private practice; and the theoretical base for assessing, designing, implementing and evaluating community dental health programs.

PREREQUISITES:

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

- Provide health education and preventive counseling to a variety of population groups.
- Promote the values of good oral and general health and wellness to the public and organizations within and outside the professions.
- Identify services that promote oral health and prevent oral disease and related conditions.
- Influence consumer groups, businesses and government agencies to support health care issues.
- Assess, plan, implement and evaluate community based oral health programs.
- Use screening, referral, and education to bring consumers into the health care delivery system.
- Provide dental hygiene services in a variety of settings, including offices hospitals, clinics, extended care facilities, community programs, and schools.
- Evaluate reimbursement mechanisms and their impact on the patients access to oral health care.
- Recognize and use written and electronic sources of information.
- Evaluate published clinical and basic science research and integrate this information to improve the oral health of the patient.
- Recognize the responsibility and demonstrate the ability to communicate professional knowledge verbally and in writing.
- Accept responsibility for solving problems and making decisions based on accepted scientific principles.
- Expand and contribute to the knowledge base of dental hygiene.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral reports, group discussion, written reports or presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

93%- 100% = A
86% - 92% = B
85% - 75% = C
69% - 74% = D
0% - 68% = E



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