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Dental Hygiene (DNLT) 3025 Current Topics in Oral Health (3 Units)

Prerequisite: Admission to the Dental Hygiene Bachelor Program

Hours and Units Calculations:

48 hours lecture. 96 Outside of class hours. (144 Total Student Learning Hours) 3 Units

Catalog Description: This course explores topics in Dental Hygiene with a focus on current and relevant issues arising in the dental hygiene profession including societal, economic, and cultural impact. Topics are subject to change from year to year.

Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit

Textbooks: N/A

Additional Required Materials:

Various Online Resources, Journals, and other electronic publications

Bernie, K. (2018). 15 Trends Impacting Dental Hygiene Practice and the Profession. Inside Dental Hygiene 2018. 14 (9). <https://www.aegisdentalnetwork.com/idh/2018/09/15-trends-impacting-dental-hygiene-practice-and-the-profession>

Course Objectives: By the end of the course, a successful student will be able to:

1. Examine current topics relating to trending dental hygiene concerns.
2. Critique topics that may be coming affect dental hygiene scope of practice.
3. Construct a research paper relevant to current dental hygiene concerns and how it relates to consumer education.

Course Scope and Content:

Unit I	Advances in Dental Home Care
Unit II	Newest Self Care Devices and Technologies A. Electronic Toothbrushes
Unit III	Healthcare Issues
Unit IV	Latest in Office Equipment



Learning Activities Required Outside of Class:

The students in the class will spend a minimum of 6 hours per week outside of the regular class time doing the following:

1. Read from relevant textbooks, peer-reviewed journals, and current periodicals, approximately 50-100 pages per week
2. Find and evaluate dental hygiene special topics
3. Writing Assignments.

Methods of Instruction

1. Lecture
2. Discussion
3. Cooperative learning exercises
4. Individual and collaborative activities
5. Research and writing assignments

Methods of Evaluation

1. Weekly participation in Discussions
2. Written assignments
3. Class participation
4. Project Presentation

Supplemental Data:

TOP Code:	124020: Dental Hygienist
SAM Priority Code:	B: Advanced Occupational
Distance Education:	Not Applicable
Funding Agency:	Y: Not Applicable(funds not used)
Program Status:	1: Program Applicable
Noncredit Category:	Y: Not Applicable, Credit Course
Special Class Status:	N: Course is not a special class
Basic Skills Status:	N: Course is not a basic skills course

Prior to College Level:	Y: Not applicable
Cooperative Work Experience:	N: Is not part of a cooperative work experience education program
Eligible for Credit by Exam:	NO
Eligible for Pass/No Pass:	NO
Taft College General Education:	NONE
Discipline:	Dental Technology