

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: DHYG 401, DHYG 401 L Department: Dental Hygiene

Course Title: Clinical Practice 4 Semester: Spring Year: 1999

Objectives/Competencies

Course Objective	Competencies
Ethics and Dental Hygiene 1.Understand and value the ADHA Code of Ethics	1.Define ethics as outlined in class and readings 2.Recognize the ethical code as stated in the ADHA Code of Ethics 3.List 2 groups which are able to take disciplinary action for unethical conduct of a dental hygienist 4.State the primary purpose of the State Dental Practice Act 5.List 4 requirements for restrictions upon the practice of dentistry that are specified in the State Dental Practice Act 6.Describe 3 functions of the Board of Dental Examiners 7.State the mechanisms by which the State Board of Dental Examiners are appointed in most states 8.Describe the purpose of licensure as outlined in class 9.Define reciprocity as it relates to dental hygiene practice 10.List 5 reasons for revocation or suspension of, or refusal to renew licenses

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<p>Jurisprudence and Malpractice</p> <p>1.Relate basic concepts, principles, procedures, and definitions of general law to dental law</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Define jurisprudence and malpractice 2.Differentiate among criminal law, civil law, tort law and contract law 3.Explain the 3 elements that must be present for a document to be considered a contract 4.Differentiate between implied contract and expressed contract 5.Describe 4 elements which must be present before a tort can be considered to have been committed 6.Recognize the duties required of the dentist in a dentist-patient relationship 7.Describe what is meant by "not to abandon the patient" and steps that must be taken by the dentist to avoid being charged with abandonment of a patient 8.List the 5 requirements of a valid contract 9.List 6 situations in which consent MUST be expressed in writing 10.List and describe the 5 common liabilities in dentistry and the dental auxiliaries responsibility in each liability 11.Recognize those circumstances under which dental health care providers are legally obligated to render care to a patient 12.Define the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -duty -negligence -reasonable care -contributory negligence

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<p>Cover Letters and Resumes</p> <p>1.Understand and value the importance of a well-organized resume and cover letter in applying for a dental hygiene position</p>	<p>-technical assault</p> <p>1.Explain what a resume is and how it affects an employer's decision to offer employment</p> <p>2.Specify the usual components of a resume</p> <p>3.Identify which items are by law not to be considered by employees in offering employment</p> <p>4.Write an effective letter of application</p> <p>5.Prepare and refine a pertinent personal resume</p> <p>6.Identify personal characteristics that justify discussion at a personal interview</p>
<p>Application for Dental Hygiene</p> <p>1.Appreciate the purpose and significance of an interview in seeking employment</p>	<p>1.List the 4 basic phases of an interview</p> <p>2.Describe the roles of the job applicant and the interviewer in the interview process</p> <p>3.Summarize basic methods for executing a successful interview</p> <p>4.Outline follow-up procedures that can enhance the effectiveness of the interview</p> <p>5.List 5 guidelines for conducting an interview</p>
<p>2.Understand the role that the employment contract may have in dentistry.</p>	<p>1.Define employment contract</p> <p>2.Explain the reasoning for preparing an employment contract</p> <p>3.Describe the basic rights to which an employee is entitled</p> <p>4.Describe the basic components of an employment contract</p>

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<p>3. Value the importance of purchasing necessary insurance coverage according to his/her personal needs.</p>	<p>1. Identify the basic reason for purchasing insurance coverage 2. Describe the reason for and the benefits of the following: -malpractice insurance -health insurance -disability insurance -life insurance - retirement plans</p>
<p>Evaluation and Documentation of the Periodontal Patient 1. Discuss the value of case documentation in relation to record keeping</p>	<p>1. Identify several ways in which case documentation can be utilized as an educational resource 2. List the components of a case documentation 3. Present a written case documentation on a periodontally involved patient</p>
<p>Orthodontics and the Dental Hygienist's Role 1. Develop an awareness of the role the dental hygienist plays in an orthodontic practice</p>	
<p>Prosthodontics and the Dental Hygienist's Role 1. Develop an awareness of the role the dental hygienist plays in a prosthodontic practice</p>	
<p>Pediatric Dentistry and the Dental Hygienist's Role 1. Develop an awareness of the role the dental hygienist plays in a pediatric</p>	

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<p>Record, Recalls and Appointment Control</p> <p>1.Understand and value the importance of thorough record keeping and accurate record filing</p> <p>2.Justify the importance of an up-to-date recall system in maintaining a productive dental office</p> <p>3.Understand and value the importance of an organized system of appointment control</p>	<p>1.List the components of a clinical record</p> <p>2.Explain the importance of maintaining accurate records</p> <p>3.Explain patient's rights in the area of patient records and confidentiality</p> <p>4.Prepare patient's record for filing</p> <p>5.Identify and distinguish among different filing systems</p> <p>1.Explain the purpose of a recall system</p> <p>2.Compare and contrast different recall systems</p> <p>3.Develop an effective, organized recall system</p> <p>1.Design an appointment control system that will maximize productivity, minimize staff tensions and maintain concern for patient needs</p> <p>2.Describe various appointment book systems</p> <p>3.Identify solutions to common appointment book scheduling situations</p>
<p>Massachusetts State Laws</p> <p>1.Develop an awareness of the Massachusetts State Dental Practice Act</p>	<p>1.List the duties a dental hygienist may perform in Massachusetts</p> <p>2.Be familiar with the Rules and Regulations governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in Commonwealth</p> <p>3.Describe Massachusetts continuing education guidelines</p>

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<p>Dental Hygienist's Role in the Recognition and Counseling in Substance Abuse</p> <p>1. Develop an awareness and understanding of the dental hygienist's role in the recognition of substance abuse</p>	<p>1. Define:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -substance abuse -chemical dependence -physical dependence -psychological dependence -tolerance -withdrawal syndrome <p>2. Identify the physical and behavioral factors that are common signs of substance abuse</p> <p>3. Identify oral characteristics of substance abuse</p> <p>4. Describe alcohol related illnesses that involve body systems</p> <p>5. Describe drug related illnesses that involve body systems</p> <p>6. Discuss fetal alcohol syndrome</p> <p>7. Describe various types of medical and psychiatric therapy available substance abusers</p>
<p>Child Abuse: The Dental Hygienist's Ethical and Legal Responsibilities</p> <p>1. Develop an awareness and understanding of the dental hygienist's ethical and legal role in the recognition and reporting of child abuse</p>	<p>1. Define the following term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -abuse -neglect -dental neglect <p>2. Describe identifiable characteristics that may be suggestive of abuse</p> <p>3. Describe oral signs possibly related to child abuse or dental neglect</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4. Discuss the possible parental attitudes and behavior patterns that may be encountered5. Discuss the ethical and legal responsibilities in reporting to proper authorities suspected child abuse or neglect