DHYG 2134: Professional Practice 1

Effective date
September 2012

Department
Dental Hygiene

Description
This course will assist learners in gaining foundation knowledge, attitudes, values and abilities pertaining to professionalism, communication, and evidence-based decision making, while recognizing the social determinants of health relevant to dental hygiene practice. This course is part of the full time Dental Hygiene Diploma program.

Credits
6.0

Year of study
2nd Year Post-secondary

Prerequisites
Acceptance into the program.

Corequisites
Term 1 courses in Dental Hygiene Program

Course Learning Outcomes
1. Explain essential theoretical concepts as they relate to self-regulating dental hygiene practice.
2. Discuss the roles and areas of responsibility for dental hygienists in Canada.
3. Explain theories, principles and strategies associated with professional communication skills.
4. Communicate clearly and accurately in written, oral, electronic and visual forms.
5. Defend a position regarding ethical dilemma scenarios associated with health care.
7. Apply systematic inquiry, critical thinking skills, and decision making relative to important topics in professionalism and communication.

Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition (PLAR)
None

Hours
Lecture: 82
Lab: 18

Instructional Strategies
Instructional strategies include lecture to introduce learners to concepts and principles of professional practice, integrated group discussion and activities as well as case based learning.

Grading System
Letter Grade (A-F)

Passing grade
C

Evaluation Plan

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### Course topics

- History of dental hygiene profession and self-regulating practice in Canada
- Self and peer assessment
- Learning styles
- Professional written, oral, electronic and visual communication
- Systematic inquiry skills and evaluation of the literature
- Models of health care and client relationships
- Health, oral health care policy and access to care
- Social determinants of health and vulnerable populations
- Values and ethical/moral reasoning

### Learning resources

None

*Note:*

Course contents and descriptions, offerings and schedules are subject to change without notice.

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