



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

DHY 223 Dental Health Education

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Dental health education is concerned with the knowledge, attitudes, skills and behaviors necessary to promote oral health and prevent oral disease through educational efforts. This course will explain the principles and theories of education which will enhance the ability of the dental hygiene student as an oral health educator. The approach taken will provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the needs of community groups as distinct from the traditional clinical approach designed to meet the needs of individual patients.

PREREQUISITES:

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

- Describe the historical evolution of dental hygiene as a dental public health science.
- Define the roles of the dental hygienist within a community setting.
- Demonstrate knowledge and skills of oral health education and promotion.
- Identify the needs of a target population by gathering and analyzing appropriate assessment data.
- Assess, diagnose, plan, implement and evaluate a dental educational plan for a community group.
- Adjust an educational plan according to the cultural, socioeconomic, values, motivating factors and communication style of the target audience.
- Plan intervention strategies that will promote and maintain oral health including oral health care behaviors.
- Demonstrate the ability to present verbally oral health education to an individual or a group.
- Evaluate published clinical and evidence-based research and integrate this information to improve the oral health of the patient and the community.
- Evaluate the credibility and potential hazards of dental products and techniques to be able to recommend the best product for a given patient or community need.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral 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