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General Syllabus

DHYG 4522 Ethics and Practice Management

Credit Hours: 2

Lecture Hours: 2

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisites: DHYG 4122 Clinic II Theory, DHYG 4224 Dental Hygiene Clinic II, DHYG 4142 Advanced Dental Hygiene Theory for Special Needs Patients, DHYG 4311 Periodontology II, DHYG 4372 Dental Nutrition, DHYG 4463 Dental Materials, and DHYG 4512 Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide

Corequisites: DHYG 4132 Clinic III Theory, DHYG 4234 Dental Hygiene Clinic III, DHYG 4533 Community Dentistry and Dental Health Education, and DHYG 4542 Public Health Dentistry

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Focus on professionalism, ethical theory and philosophy, ethical principles and values, ethical decision-making in dental hygiene and dentistry, state practice acts and risk management.

B. Additional Information-None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon completion of this course, the student will:

1. Discuss the purpose and mechanism of the national, state, and regional dental hygiene board examinations.
2. Interpret the rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Dental Practice Act.
3. Discuss and evaluate dental practice acts and rules and regulations, including the functions and power of State Boards of Dentistry, as well as current issues that boards deal with in dentistry/dental hygiene.
4. Discuss the legal and ethical considerations of dental health practices.
5. Discuss and understand the need for continued professional development.
6. Develop an effective resume and cover letter that can be used in the job

- searching process.
7. Effectively participate in a job interview relying on techniques learned in class.
 8. Compare and contrast various recall/recare systems used for tracking patient appointments as preparation for assuming responsibility for the dental hygiene department in clinical practice.
 9. Explore and discuss the importance of sound financial planning for healthcare professional as preparation for gainful employment as a dental hygienist.
 10. Discuss the various aspects of leadership and being a leader and the role of the dental hygienist as a leader in the dental office.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will work in small groups on a project regarding recall/recare systems. Collaboratively, students will gather the necessary data, analyze it, and present the information to their peers.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate effectively with dental professionals from the community through scheduled interviews with dentists.

Ethical Decision Making

Through class participation and completion of a written paper, students will develop and demonstrate a personal values system based on ethical and moral choices, respect for others, citizenship and personal development.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Ethics and Professionalism
- B. Ethical Theory and Philosophy
- C. Ethical Principles and Values
- D. Codes of Ethics
- E. Ethical Decision Making
- F. State Practice Acts
- G. The Practice of Dental Hygiene
- H. Risk Management and HIPAA
- I. Recall/Recare Systems
- J. Resumes and Cover Letters
- K. Interviewing
- L. Legal Issues
- M. Dental Malpractice