

**DH 83 Course Outline as of Fall 2020****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: DH 83

Title: ETHICS JURSP &amp; PRAC MGMT

Full Title: Ethics, Jurisprudence &amp; Practice Mgmt for Dental Hygienist

Last Reviewed: 10/10/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	2.00	Lecture Scheduled	2.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	35.00
Minimum	2.00	Lab Scheduled	0	8	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	2.00		Contact Total	35.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 105.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

The study of jurisprudence, ethics, and practice management as related to dental hygiene care. A personal philosophy toward professional conduct, continuous quality improvement, self-assessment and peer evaluation is developed.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

Concurrent Enrollment in DH 71E ( or DH 84)

**Recommended Preparation:****Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Recommended:

Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;  
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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Spring 2001
<b>UC Transfer:</b>		Effective:	Inactive:

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Major Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Manage the legal and ethical issues facing dental hygienists in the delivery of oral health care, and develop a personal philosophy toward professional conduct, continuous quality assurance self-assessment and life-long learning.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of California State Dental Licensing agencies, the California Dental Practice Act and federal employment laws that address the employment of and practice of dental hygiene in California.

### **Objectives:**

Students will be able to:

1. Determine and justify sound legal and ethical principles in dealing with patients and team members used to solve ethical dilemmas.
2. Explain the role of principles in the decision-making process of the dental hygienist.
3. Describe and apply the ethical decision-making process in dental hygiene.
4. Relate the ethical principles found in the codes of ethics, informed consent, patients' bill of rights and other documents related to patient care.
5. Identify the State agencies and areas of the Dental Practice Act that address the practice of dental hygiene in California and how to locate these documents.
6. Identify the types of dental hygiene procedures delegated under direct and general supervision.
7. Explain the concept of risk management as it relates to the practice of dental hygiene.
8. Discuss state and federal employment laws that have a significant impact on employment.
9. Discuss the disclosure and reporting of abuse including ethical and legal responsibilities.
10. Discuss the role of the dental hygienist in the practice management of the dental practice.
11. Explain economic considerations for a profitable practice, including office overhead, production and collection and insurance.
12. Discuss professional competence, knowledge, philosophy, and demeanor when applying for a position.
13. Identify various employment opportunities for dental hygienists and method of finding positions.

## **Topics and Scope:**

### **I. Introduction to Ethics**

- A. Ethical principles and values
- B. Theories of moral development
- C. Code of ethics
- D. American Dental Hygiene Association - Code of Ethics
- E. Ethical dilemmas

### **II. Informed Consent**

- A. Criteria for informed consent
- B. Disclosure
- C. Related principles

### **III. Introduction to Jurisprudence**

- A. California Dental Practice Act
- B. Dental Hygiene Board of California
  - 1. license and renewal
  - 2. scope of practice
  - 3. levels of supervision
  - 4. articles in the Dental Practice Act that apply to the practice of dental hygiene

### **IV. Legal Concepts**

- A. Civil /criminal law
- B. Hygienist/patient relationship
- C. Breach of contract
- D. State and federal employment laws
- E. Malpractice

### **V. Risk Management**

- A. Dental records
- B. Incident reporting
- C. Quality assurance
- D. Communication
- E. Risk factors

### **VI. Mandated Reporter**

- A. Role of dental personnel
- B. Disclosure and reporting
- C. Legal responsibilities
- D. Ethical responsibilities

### **VII. Introduction to Dental Hygiene Practice Management**

- A. Team concept
- B. Public relations
- C. Marketing the practice
- D. Business of dental hygiene
- E. Employment opportunities
- F. Resume and cover letter
- G. Employment enhancements for job satisfaction

## **Assignment:**

1. Reading assignments 10 - 15 pages per week
2. Quizzes (4 - 6)
3. Exams (Midterm and Final)
4. Ethical dilemma paper

## 5. Case studies/Readiness Assessment Evaluations (7-10)

### Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Ethical dilemma paper

Writing  
5 - 10%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Case studies

Problem solving  
30 - 40%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations  
0 - 0%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes. midterm and final

Exams  
50 - 60%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category  
0 - 0%

### Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Ethics and Law in Dental Hygiene. 3rd ed. Beemsterboer, Phyllis. Elsevier. 2016

Darby and Walsh Dental Hygiene; Theory and Practice. 5th ed. Bowen, Denise and Pieren, Jennifer. Elsevier. 2020

Instructor prepared materials