

**DH 83 Course Outline as of Fall 2023****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: DH 83 Title: ETHICS JURSP & PRAC MGMT  
 Full Title: Ethics, Jurisprudence & 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	17.5	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:**

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**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:
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<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Spring 2001	Inactive:
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<b>UC Transfer:</b>		Effective:		Inactive:
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**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 jurisprudence and ethical issues facing dental hygienists in the delivery of oral health care, and develop a personal philosophy related to 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:**

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

1. Recognize and analyze the jurisprudence and ethical principles required when resolving ethical issues through the decision-making process.
2. Relate the ethical principles found in the codes of ethics, informed consent, patients' Bill of Rights and other documents to patient care.
3. Evaluate the legal responsibilities and scope of practice of the licensed dental hygienist under the California Dental Practice Act.
4. Discuss the ethical and legal responsibilities of reporting abuse.
5. Recognize and explain situations where malpractice might occur and discuss concept of risk management as it relates to the practice of dental hygiene.
6. Explain the role of the dental hygienist in the practice management of the dental practice.
7. Explain economic considerations related to the business practices in dentistry and the implications to the profession of dental hygiene.
8. Discuss professional competence, philosophy, demeanor, and employment opportunities when applying for a position.

**Topics and Scope:**

- I. Introduction to Ethics
  - A. Principles and values
  - B. Theory and philosophy
  - C. Code of ethics
  - D. Professionalism
  - E. Decision making
- II. Legal Concepts
  - A. Informed consent
  - B. Civil/criminal law
  - C. Hygienist/patient relationship
  - D. Breach of contract
  - E. State and federal employment laws
  - F. Mandated reporting
- III. Jurisprudence
  - A. California Dental Practice Act
  - B. Dental Hygiene Board of California
    - 1. License and renewal
    - 2. Scope of practice
    - 3. Required supervision
    - 4. Articles in the Dental Practice Act that apply to the practice of dental hygiene
    - 5. Malpractice
- IV. Risk Management
  - A. Dental records
  - B. Incident reporting
  - C. Quality assurance
  - D. Communication
  - E. Risk factors
- V. 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 (20-30 pages per week)
2. Quizzes (4-6)
3. Midterm exam and final exam
4. Group project(s) (1-2)
5. Readiness assessment evaluations (5-10)

**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.

Group project(s)	Writing 20 - 30%
<b>Problem Solving:</b> Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.	Problem solving 20 - 30%
Readiness assessment evaluations	Problem solving 20 - 30%
<b>Skill Demonstrations:</b> All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.	Skill Demonstrations 0 - 0%
None	Skill Demonstrations 0 - 0%
<b>Exams:</b> All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.	Exams 45 - 50%
Quizzes; midterm and final	Exams 45 - 50%
<b>Other:</b> Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.	Other Category 0 - 0%
None	Other Category 0 - 0%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Ethics and Law in Dental Hygiene: 3rd ed. Beemsterboer, Phyllis. Elsevier. 2016 (classic)  
 Darby and Walsh Dental Hygiene: Theory and Practice. 5th ed. Bowen, Denise and Pieren, Jennifer. Elsevier. 2020  
 Esther Wilkins: Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist. 14th ed. Jones and Bartlett Learning. 2021  
 Instructor prepared materials