

Dental Hygiene Curriculum Example

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Curriculum/Stage	Recommended dentalcare.com Courses
First Semester Fall-DH	
Anatomy and Physiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy & Histology of the Gingiva and Basic Oral Hygiene (CE103) • Practical Panoramic Radiography (CE71) • The Intraoral and Extraoral Exam (CE337)
Dental Anatomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Overview of Dental Anatomy (CE500) • Are You a Supertaster? (CE455) • Practical Panoramic Radiography (CE71)
Infection Control/ Hazardous Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Practice Guidelines for an Infection Control/Exposure Control Program in the Oral Healthcare Setting (CE342) • Environmental Infection Prevention and Control (CE363) • Hand Hygiene: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Workers (CE353) • Hazard Communication Compliance (CE502) • Hazardous (and Universal) Waste Management (CE499) • HIV: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Workers (CE97) • Infection Control-related Administrative Policies and Work Restrictions (CE473) • Introduction to Standard and Transmission-based Precautions (CE535) • Mandated, Highly Recommended, and Other Vaccines for Oral Healthcare Personnel Workers (CE479) • Personal Protective Equipment (CE483) • Postexposure Evaluation and Follow-up (CE472) • Putting it All Together: Practicum (CE511) • Regulated Medical Waste Management (CE498) • Sterilization and Disinfection of Patient-care Items in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE474)
Dental Radiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cone-Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) Applications in Dentistry (CE531) • Digital Imaging in Dentistry: Intraoral, Extraoral, and 3D Technology (CE512) • Intraoral Imaging: Basic Principles, Techniques and Error Correction (CE559) • Panoramic Radiographs: Technique & Anatomy Review (CE533) • Practical Panoramic Radiography (CE71) • Radiographic Techniques for the Pediatric Patient (CE63) • The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395)
DH Preclinic Lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy & Histology of the Gingiva and Basic Oral Hygiene (CE103) • Biofilm: A New View of Plaque (CE42) • Dental Terminology and Professional Knowledge (CE136) • Diagnostic Guidelines for Blood Pressure Screening Techniques (CE490) • Hand Hygiene: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Workers (CE353) • HIV: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Workers (CE97)

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DH Preclinic Lecture (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407) • Introduction to Standard and Transmission-based Precautions (CE535) • Oral Health and General Health – What are the Connections? (CE477) • Oral Health Care: A Whole New Language (CE21) • Personal Protective Equipment (CE483) • Postexposure Evaluation and Follow-up (CE472) • Professional Dental Terminology for the Dental Assistant and Hygienist (CE542) • The Intraoral and Extraoral Exam (CE337)
DH Preclinic Lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Practice Guidelines for an Infection Control/Exposure Control Program in the Oral Healthcare Setting (CE342) • Diagnostic Guidelines for Blood Pressure Screening Techniques (CE490) • Ergonomics: We Have to Work to be Comfortable (CE508) • Hand Hygiene: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Workers (CE353) • HIV: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Workers (CE97) • Maintaining Healthy, Pain-free Posture for the Dental Professional (CE523) • Introduction to Standard and Transmission-based Precautions (CE535) • Periodontal Screening and Recording: Early Detection of Periodontal Diseases (CE53) • Personal Protective Equipment (CE483) • Sharpening Periodontal Instruments (CE526) • The Intraoral and Extraoral Exam (CE337)
Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are You a Supertaster? (CE455) • Diabetes: A Multifaceted Syndrome Treatment Considerations in Dentistry (CE93) • Nutrition & Oral Health: Eating Well for a Healthy Mouth (CE301)
Second Semester Spring-DH	
Periodontology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biofilm: A New View of Plaque (CE42) • Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Clinical Assessment in the Prevention of Peri-implant Mucositis, Peri-implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514) • Comprehensive Oral Healthcare Long-term Treatment Planning (CE492) • Creaky Joints and Bleeding Gums: The Interactions between Periodontal Disease and Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) (CE519) • Desquamative Gingivitis (CE481) • Electronic Cigarettes: The Past, Present and Future (CE451) • From Gumline to Waistline: The Link between Periodontal Disease and Obesity (CE518) • The Management of Patients with Periodontal and Cardiovascular Diseases (CE544) • No Sugar Coating It! The Link between Periodontal Disease and Diabetes Mellitus (CE520) • Oral Health and General Health – What are the Connections? (CE477) • Peri-implant Disease: Pathogenesis, Risk Factors, Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment (CE457) • Periodontal Management of the Diabetic Patient (CE331) • Periodontal Screening and Recording: Early Detection of Periodontal Diseases (CE53) • Periodontics: Oral Health and Wellness I. Understanding Periodontal Health, Recognizing Disease States and Choices in Treatment Strategies (CE50)
DH Theory I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actinic Cheilosis: Etiology, Epidemiology, Clinical Manifestations, Diagnosis, and Treatment (CE400) • Biofilm: A New View of Plaque (CE42)

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DH Theory I (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Demineralization/ Remineralization (CE372) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Diagnosis (CE373) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Epidemiology (CE368) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Erosion (CE374) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Intervention (CE376) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Prevention (CE375) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Risk Assessment (CE377) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Agent (CE369) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Environment (CE371) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Host (CE370) • Current Concepts in Preventive Dentistry (CE334) • Periodontal Screening and Recording: Early Detection of Periodontal Diseases (CE53) • Restorative Dental Patient Education (CE497) • Saliva: Liquid Magic (CE414)
DH Clinic I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care & Maintenance of Dental Restorations (CE468) • Periodontal Screening and Recording: Early Detection of Periodontal Diseases (CE53) • Restorative Dental Patient Education (CE497)
Dental Pharmacology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjunctive and Prophylactic Use of Antibacterial Agents in Dentistry (CE475) • Adverse Drug Reactions - Part I (CE536) • Adverse Drug Reactions - Part II (CE537) • Basic Pharmacology: Part I – Pharmacodynamic and Pharmacokinetic Principles (CE486) • Basic Pharmacology: Part II – Pharmacotherapeutic Issues, Drug Regulations, and Prescription Writing (CE506) • Botulinum Toxin Therapeutics for Orofacial Pain and Dental Esthetics (CE555) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Cardiovascular Drugs in the Top 200: Clinical Implications (CE493) • Commonly Prescribed Medications in Pediatric Dentistry (CE336) • Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE410) • Local Anesthesia in Pediatric Dentistry (CE325) • Marijuana and Oral Health (CE460) • Methamphetamine: Implications for the Dental Team (CE332) • Pharmacology of Selected Therapeutic Agents in Oral Medicine (CE541) • Pharmacology of Analgesics: Clinical Considerations (CE442) • Pharmacology of Antifungal and Antiviral Agents (CE538) • Pharmacology of Local Anesthetics: Clinical Implications (CE449) • Pharmacology of the Central Nervous System: Clinical Implications (CE539) • Pharmacology of the Respiratory, Gastrointestinal and Genitourinary Drugs: Clinical Implications (CE540) • Powerful Therapeutic Spices in Medicine (CE549) • Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464) • The Dental Professional's Role in the Opioid Crisis (CE560) – <i>Coming Soon</i>
Dental Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care & Maintenance of Dental Restorations (CE468) • Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Clinical Assessment in the Prevention of Peri-implant Mucositis, Peri-implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514) • Dental Implants and Esthetics (CE203) • Do's and Don'ts of Porcelain Laminate Veneers (CE333) • Full Coverage Aesthetic Restoration of Primary Teeth, Part 1 - Anterior Teeth (CE379)

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Dental Materials (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Coverage Aesthetic Restoration of Primary Teeth, Part 2 – Posterior Teeth (CE480) • Prosthesis Retention and Effective Use of Denture Adhesive in Complete Denture Therapy (CE360) • What to Know About Whitening (CE491) – <i>Coming Soon</i>
Histology/Microbiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy & Histology of the Gingiva and Basic Oral Hygiene (CE103) • Immunological and Inflammatory Aspects of Periodontal Disease (CE1) • Mandated, Highly Recommended, and Other Vaccines for Oral Healthcare Personnel Workers (CE479)
Summer Session-DH	
DH Theory II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Update on Demineralization/Remineralization (CE73) • A String Around Your Finger: Do We Really Need to Floss? (CE550) • Bruxism: The Grind of the Matter (CE485) • Burning Mouth Syndrome (CE434) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Demineralization/Remineralization (CE372) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Diagnosis (CE373) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Epidemiology (CE368) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Erosion (CE374) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Intervention (CE376) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Prevention (CE375) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Risk Assessment (CE377) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Agent (CE369) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Environment (CE371) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Host (CE370) • Counseling and Treating Bad Breath Patients: A Step-By-Step Approach (CE130) • Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Preventing Peri-Implant Mucositis, Peri-Implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514) • Dental Implants and Esthetics (CE203) • Dentinal Hypersensitivity: A Review (CE200) • Diabetes: A Multifaceted Syndrome Treatment Considerations in Dentistry (CE93) • Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE410) • Immunological and Inflammatory Aspects of Periodontal Disease (CE1) • New and Evolving Concepts in Orthodontics (CE524) • Oral Piercings: Implications for Dental Professionals (CE423) • Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy in Traditional Dental Settings (CE507) • Ortho 101 for the Dental Professional (CE413) • Orthodontics: A Review (CE202) • Overview of Power Toothbrush Technology (CE543) • Peri-implant Disease: Pathogenesis, Risk Factors, Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment (CE457) • Periodontics: Oral Health and Wellness I. Understanding Periodontal Health, Recognizing Disease States and Choices in Treatment Strategies (CE50) • The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395) • Therapeutic Mouthrinsing: An Effective Component to Oral Hygiene (CE317) • The Truth about Hidden Sugars: A Risk for Health (CE558) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • What to Know About Whitening (CE491) – <i>Coming Soon</i>
DH Clinic II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A History and Update of Fluoride Dentifrices (CE94) • Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE410)
Interpersonal Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Adult Learning for Oral Health Education (CE74) • Motivational Interviewing: A Patient-Centered Approach to Elicit Positive Behavior Change (CE381)

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Third Semester Fall-DH	
General and Oral Pathology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actinic Cheilosis: Etiology, Epidemiology, Clinical Manifestations, Diagnosis, and Treatment (CE400) • A Guide to Clinical Differential Diagnosis of Oral Mucosal Lesions (CE110) • Burning Mouth Syndrome (CE434) • Endocrine and Metabolic Agents in the Top 200: Clinical Implications (CE509) • Forensic Dentistry (CE401) • Forensic Odontology - Part I (CE503) • Forensic Odontology - Part II (CE504) • Immunological and Inflammatory Aspects of Periodontal Disease (CE1) • Oral Cancer (CE348) • Pathogens Associated with Putative Healthcare-associated Infections in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE482) • Periodontics: Oral Health and Wellness I. Understanding Periodontal Health, Recognizing Disease States and Choices in Treatment Strategies (CE50) • Salivary Diagnostics in Oral Diseases (CE521)
Community Dental Health/ Health Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A History and Update of Fluoride Dentifrices (CE94) • Aging, Systemic Disease and Oral Health: Implications for Women Worldwide (Part I) (CE302) • Aging, Systemic Disease and Oral Health: Implications for Women Worldwide (Part II) (CE330) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Demineralization/ Remineralization (CE372) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Diagnosis (CE373) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Epidemiology (CE368) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Erosion (CE374) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Intervention (CE376) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Prevention (CE375) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Risk Assessment (CE377) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Agent (CE369) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Environment (CE371) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Host (CE370) • Current Concepts in Preventive Dentistry (CE334) • Developing a Career in Public Health (CE478) • Effective Adult Learning for Oral Health Education (CE74) • Factors Involved in Dental Care Delivery Expansion (CE496) • Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE410) • Health Literacy for the Dental Team (CE335) • Improving Oral Health Literacy: Teaching Primary School Students Through the <i>Lessons in a Lunch Box</i> Program (CE456) • Mission Trips – First Do No Harm (CE397) • Motivational Interviewing: A Patient-Centered Approach to Elicit Positive Behavior Change (CE381) • Nutrition & Oral Health: Eating Well for a Healthy Mouth (CE301) • Oral Health and General Health – What are the Connections? (CE477) • Pathogens Associated with Putative Healthcare-associated Infections in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE482) • Pit & Fissure Sealants: The Added Link in Preventative Dentistry (CE128) • Place-based Dental Care (CE452) • Smiles For Tomorrow (CE4) • Strategies for Searching the Literature Using PubMed (CE340) • The Dental Professional's Role in the Opioid Crisis (CE560) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • The Truth about Hidden Sugars: A Risk for Health (CE558) – <i>Coming Soon</i>

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Community Dental Health/Health Education (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Research for Clinical Decision-Making: Elements of a Research Report (CE45) • Using Research for Clinical Decision-Making: Evaluating a Research Report (CE46) • Welcoming Older Adults to Your Dental Office (CE568)
Dental Office Emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epinephrine: Friend or Foe? (CE547) • Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407) • Management of Pediatric Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE391) • Managing Adult Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE516) • Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464) • The Dental Professional's Role in the Opioid Crisis (CE560) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Understanding Asthma Patients in the Dental Office (CE408)
DH Theory III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actinic Cheilosis: Etiology, Epidemiology, Clinical Manifestations, Diagnosis, and Treatment (CE400) • A History and Update of Fluoride Dentifrices (CE94) • An Introduction to Substance Use Disorders for Dental Professionals (CE545) • Are You a Supertaster? (CE455) • Basic Techniques for Management of the Infant and Toddler Patient (CE54) • Child Abuse and Neglect: Implications for the Dental Professional (CE49) • Clinical Encounters in Pediatric Dentistry (CE352) • Dental Care for Infants (CE387) • Dental Implications of Adolescent Pregnancy (CE463) • Dental Implications of the Patient with ADHD (CE359) • Dental Management of Patients with Bleeding Disorders (CE319) • Effective Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Administration for Children (CE92) • Electronic Cigarettes: The Past, Present and Future (CE451) • Endocrine and Metabolic Agents in the Top 200: Clinical Implications (CE509) • Geriatric Dentistry: From Entry to Exit and Beyond (CE484) • Healthy Mouth, Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby: Optimal Oral Health Care Before, During and After Pregnancy (CE505) • The Management of Patients with Periodontal and Cardiovascular Diseases (CE544) • Management of Traumatic Injuries to Children's Teeth (CE98) • Managing Dental Erosion: Current Understandings & Future Directions (CE517) • Marijuana and Oral Health (CE460) • Methamphetamine: Implications for the Dental Team (CE332) • Oral Cancer (CE348) • Periodontal Management of the Diabetic Patient (CE331) • Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464) • The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395) • Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534) • Treating Patients with Autism in a Dental Setting (CE402) • Treating the Aging Baby Boomer: Looking through the Crystal Ball (CE459) • Understanding Asthma Patients in the Dental Office (CE408) • Welcoming Older Adults to Your Dental Office (CE568) • Xerostomia: A Continuing Challenge for Oral Healthcare Professionals (CE96)
DH Clinic III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actinic Cheilosis: Etiology, Epidemiology, Clinical Manifestations, Diagnosis, and Treatment (CE400) • Cardiovascular Drugs in the Top 200: Clinical Implications (CE493) • Electronic Cigarettes: The Past, Present and Future (CE451) • Endocrine and Metabolic Agents in the Top 200: Clinical Implications (CE509) • Marijuana and Oral Health (CE460) • Methamphetamine: Implications for the Dental Team (CE332)

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DH Clinic III (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Cancer (CE348) • The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395) • Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534)
General Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geriatric Dentistry: From Entry to Exit and Beyond (CE484) • Marijuana and Oral Health (CE460) • Treating the Aging Baby Boomer: Looking through the Crystal Ball (CE459)
Fourth Semester Spring-DH	
Dental Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Abuse and Neglect: Implications for the Dental Professional (CE49) • Ethics in Dentistry: Part I – Principles and Values (CE510) • Ethics in Dentistry: Part II – Codes of Ethics (CE528) • Ethics in Dentistry: Part III – Ethical Decision Making (CE546) • Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Maltreatment: Implications for the Dental Professional (CE338)
Professional Development/ Office Mgmt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Humanistic Approach to Team Member Motivation (CE525) • Creating a Blueprint to Achieve Professional Success (CE447) • Cyber Security and the Dental Office (Part I): Protecting Your Office Computer Network (CE476) • Cyber Security and the Dental Office (Part II): Be Prepared: Hacker Tricks and Security Emergencies (CE489) • Dental Records: Best Practices for Information Management and Retention (CE532) • Developing a Career in Public Health (CE478) • Factors involved in Dental Care Delivery Expansion (CE496) • Practice in Motion (CE366) • Understanding and Evaluating Associateship Opportunities (CE515)
DH Theory IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging Systemic Disease and Oral Health: Implications for Women Worldwide (Part I) (CE302) • Aging, Systemic Disease and Oral Health: Implications for Women Worldwide (Part II) (CE330) • Botulinum Toxin Therapeutics for Orofacial Pain and Dental Esthetics (CE555) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Epinephrine: Friend or Foe? (CE547) • Evidence-Based Decision Making: Introduction and Formulating Good Clinical Questions (CE311) • Forensic Dentistry (CE401) • Forensic Odontology - Part I (CE503) • Forensic Odontology - Part II (CE504) • From Evidence to Causality (CE530) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (CE471) • Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Maltreatment: Implications for the Dental Professional (CE338) • Lasers in Dentistry: Minimally Invasive Tools for the Modern Practice (CE394) • Local Anesthesia in Pediatric Dentistry (CE325) • Motivational Interviewing: A Patient-Centered Approach to Elicit Positive Behavior Change (CE381) • Oral Appliance Therapy as a Therapy for OSA and Snoring (CE529) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Overview of Power Toothbrush Technology (CE543) • Pharmacology of Local Anesthetics: Clinical Implications (CE449) • Practice in Motion (CE366) • Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464) • Strategies for Searching the Literature Using PubMed (CE340)

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DH Theory IV (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395) • Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534) • Using Research for Clinical Decision-Making: Elements of a Research Report (CE45) • Using Research for Clinical Decision-Making: Evaluating a Research Report (CE46)
DH Clinic IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Oral Healthcare Long-term Treatment Planning (CE492) • Evidence-Based Decision Making: Introduction and Formulating Good Clinical Questions (CE311) • Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (CE471) • Local Anesthesia in Pediatric Dentistry (CE325) • Motivational Interviewing: A Patient-Centered Approach to Elicit Positive Behavior Change (CE381) • Pharmacology of Local Anesthetics: Clinical Implications (CE449) • Putting it All Together: Practicum (CE511) • Using Research for Clinical Decision-Making: Elements of a Research Report (CE45) • Using Research for Clinical Decision-Making: Evaluating a Research Report (CE46)
DH Electives	
Intro to Sociology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Abuse and Neglect: Implications for the Dental Professional (CE49) • Treating the Aging Baby Boomer: Looking through the Crystal Ball (CE459)