

Common Course Outline
DNHY 131
Dental Hygiene Clinical II-B
1 Semester Hour

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

DNHY – 131 1 Credit- Dental Hygiene Clinical II-B provides students with the opportunity to enhance and refine their clinical skills, enabling them to provide comprehensive oral health care services with an emphasis on clients with more advanced periodontal disease. Under appropriate supervision, students provide client care assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation.

1 credit; 8 clinical hours per week; this course only offered during summer session

Prerequisite: Successful completion of DNHY 120, DNHY 121, DNHY 122, DNHY 123, and DNHY 124

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the dental hygiene student will be able to:

1. display professionalism and ethical reasoning when working with peers, clients and clinical faculty;
2. demonstrate proper infection control techniques in the clinical setting;
3. obtain, review, and update vital signs, medical history, dental history, family history, and social history while recognizing cultural differences in the population; and obtain client's informed consent;
4. provide comprehensive dental hygiene care for client population;
5. control pain and anxiety during treatment through the use of acceptable clinical and behavior management strategies;
6. scale and root plane teeth using a systematic sequence and appropriate instrument with minimum trauma;
7. select and administer the appropriate oral medicaments with proper instruction to client;
8. identify appropriate oral hygiene aids for each client and effectively educate their use;
9. select and apply appropriate agents for pit and fissure sealants;
10. provide adjunct dental hygiene services that can be legally performed;

11. demonstrate the proper techniques and safety protocols for exposing, processing, and interpreting dental radiographs taken on clinic clients;
12. apply the principles of comprehensive record keeping; and
13. verbalize all applicable case presentation components for a dental client.

Major Topics

- I. Prevention of Disease Transmission/Infection Control
- II. Dental radiography
- III. Advanced instrumentation
- IV. Adjunctive services
- V. Case presentation

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include clinical client requirements, radiology requirements, evaluations and competencies.

Writing: Completion of a clinic journal will be required. Journal writing will help to promote reflection, critical thinking and writing skills.

Other Course Information

This course is a required course in the dental hygiene degree program. Satisfactory completion of client requirements and demonstration of dental hygiene skills is required for advancement to Dental Hygiene Clinical IV. This course is only offered during the summer semester. A grade of “C” or better is required for all dental hygiene courses in order to progress within the program.

The clinical requirements are provided to the student at the beginning of the semester. It is the responsibility of the student to achieve stated requirements for the number of clients and classifications, as well as required clinical skill competencies. It is the responsibility of the clinic coordinator to notify the student of incomplete requirements.

Individual faculty members may include additional course objectives, major topics, and other course requirements to the minimum expectations stated in the Common Course Outline.