

Common Course Outline

DNHY 220

Dental Hygiene Theory IV

1 Semester Hour

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

DNHY 220 – 1 Credit- Dental Hygiene Theory IV introduces the students to a study of professional ethics and dental jurisprudence, professional organizations, and issues involving the dental hygiene profession. Students learn the laws and rules governing the practice of dental hygiene in the state of Maryland. Practice management skills and employment preparation, including resumes and interview techniques, are reviewed.

1 credit; 1 lecture hours per week

Prerequisite: Successful completion of DNHY 210, DNHY 211, DNHY 212, and DNHY 213

Co-requisites: DNHY 221 and DNHY 222

Overall Course Objectives

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

1. summarize the issues emphasized in the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) Code of Ethics;
2. differentiate between laws and ethics;
3. state the general characteristics and purposes of practice acts;
4. discuss the standards of care, protection against liability, and benefits of malpractice insurance;
5. complete applications for licensure examinations;
6. write an employment cover letter and resume; and
7. develop a career plan that ranges from one to five years after graduation.

Major Topics

- I. Ethics Principles and Core Values
- II. Jurisprudence

- III. State Dental Practice Act
- IV. Risk Management
- V. Dental Professionals Responsibility to the Client
- VI. Aspects of Practice Management
- VII. Cover Letter, Resume and Interview Techniques
- VIII. Preparation for Dental Hygiene Board
- IX. Case Presentation

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Didactic grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include a minimum of two quizzes, two assignments, and two examinations.

Writing: Specific writing assignments for this course include a written case presentation, resume and cover letter.

Other Course Information

This course is a required course in the dental hygiene degree program. A grade of “C” or better is required for all dental hygiene courses.

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