



DHG 120: Dental Hygiene Theory II

This course is a continuation of theoretical and practical aspects of dental hygiene with emphasis on infection control, pain management, ethical situations related to dental hygiene practice, cultural diversity among patients, and evidence-based clinical decision making. Students study patient management, including the child patient, and non-surgical dental hygiene treatment planning, including fluoride therapy. Prerequisite: DHG 113. Two lecture hours per week. Instructional Support Fee applies.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Develop and implement a preventive dentistry program. 2. Explain and interpret the theory of Non-Surgical Periodontal Therapy (NSPT) 3. Discuss, interpret and summarize dental assessment findings. 4. Develop and discuss a dental hygiene diagnosis and treatment plan. 5. Plan, Implement and evaluate a dental hygiene care plan. 6. Interpret and summarize a patient dental evaluation. 7. Discuss the different forms and levels of patient communication, motivation/learning among patients. 8. Explain the dental hygiene treatment of a child patient (1-5 years old) 9. Research and explain nutrition and sugar counseling to a patient. 10. Define pain control and terminology for topical anesthesia. 11. Assess, implement and refer patients for cessation programs for tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse. 12. Explain the history of fluoride and the uses of professional, and over the counter fluoride products. 13. Explain and how to implement cultural diversity into a dental setting. 14. Explain the differences between the CDC and OSHA on policy for disease transmission and asepsis. 15. Define and explain evidence-based decision making in dentistry and research terminology

Credits: 2

Program: Dental Hygiene