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Dental Hygiene (DNHL) 2245 Ethics and Jurisprudence (2 Units) CSU
[formerly Dental Hygiene 45]

Prerequisite: Successful completion of all first, second, and third semester Dental Hygiene Program courses with grades of “C” or higher

Total Hours: 32 hours lecture

Catalog Description: The study of the fundamental factors necessary to be employed and practice within the ethical and legal framework of the State Dental Practice Act and the code of ethics of the American Dental Association.

Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit

Text:

Kimbrough, Vickie J., and Charla J. Lautar. *Ethics, Jurisprudence, and Practice Management in Dental Hygiene*. 3rd ed. Prentice, 2012. Print.

Additional Instructional Materials: Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC) www.dhcc.ca.gov
California Board of Consumer Affairs. Dental Practice Act. State of California. COMDA – Committee on Dental Auxiliaries.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course a successful student will be able to:

1. discuss the various roles in which a dental hygienist is employed or can be employed,
2. demonstrate knowledge of the various levels of legal duties for the DA, RDA, RDAEF and the RDH in California,
3. differentiate between direct and indirect supervision duties for the RDH in the State of California,
4. discuss the structure and the professional organization of ADHA, CDHA and local levels,
5. appreciate and value the ADHA Code of Ethics and discuss the application of ethics to practical situations,
6. discuss malpractice in application to dental and dental hygiene practice and demonstrate beginning knowledge of jurisprudence terminology in dentistry,
7. value the role of accurate record-keeping in the prevention of malpractice,
8. develop a philosophy of dental hygiene practice containing values, philosophy and career goals,
9. understand the historical background of ethical principles,
10. actively participate in class and complete course assignments.



Course Scope and Content:

Unit I	Introduction A. Course Requirements B. Mission Statement
Unit II	Foundations of Ethics A. Moral Philosophy B. Moral Reasoning
Unit III	Ethical Principles A. Core Values B. ADHA Code of Ethics
Unit IV	Informed Consent A. Patient's Bill of Rights B. Informed Refusal C. Types of Consent 1. Implied, Expressed, and Written
Unit V	Ethical Dilemmas A. Ethical Philosophies of Problem Solving B. Stages in Moral Development
Unit VI	Jurisprudence A. Civil Law B. Tort Law C. Defamation D. Contract Law E. Case Law
Unit VII	Levels of Supervision A. General Supervision B. Indirect Supervision C. Direct Supervision D. Unsupervised
Unit VIII	California Dental Practice Act A. ADHA Code of Ethics B. CDHA Code of Ethics
Unit IX	Dental Hygiene Committee of California A. Business and Profession Codes 1. Unprofessional Conduct B. California State Regulations
Unit X	Case Studies A. Ethical Scenarios B. Problem Solving



- Unit XI Risk Management
 - A. Documentation of Patient Records
 - B. HIPPA Laws

- Unit XII Licensing
 - A. Renewals
 - B. Continuing Education
 - C. Disciplinary Actions
 - D. Diversion Programs
 - E. Inactive Status

- Unit XIII California Ethics Exam
 - A. Preparation
 - B. Terminology
 - C. Mock Exam

- Unit XIV Mandated Reporting
 - A. Child Abuse
 - B. Elder Abuse
 - C. Recognizing Abuse/Neglect

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class:

The students in this class will spend a minimum of 4 hours per week outside of the regular class time doing the following:

1. Independent study and reading

Methods of Instruction:

1. Lectures
2. Guest Lecturers
3. Audiovisual aids
4. Discussion groups

Methods of Evaluation:

1. Journal and moral reasoning assignment
2. Research report
3. Multiple choice questions, matching and true/false
4. Case study evaluation

Supplemental Data:

TOP Code:	124020: Dental Hygienist
SAM Priority Code:	B: Advanced Occupational

Distance Education:	Not Applicable
Funding Agency:	Y: Not Applicable(funds not used)
Program Status:	1: Program Applicable
Noncredit Category:	Y: Not Applicable, Credit Course
Special Class Status:	N: Course is not a special class
Basic Skills Status:	N: Course is not a basic skills course
Prior to College Level:	Y: Not applicable
Cooperative Work Experience:	N: Is not part of a cooperative work experience education program
Eligible for Credit by Exam:	NO
Eligible for Pass/No Pass:	NO
Taft College General Education:	NONE