

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 Gingival Unit and Basic Oral Hygiene (CE592) • Practical Panoramic Imaging (CE589) • The Intraoral and Extraoral Exam (CE337)
Dental Anatomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Overview of Dental Anatomy (CE500) • Head and Neck Anatomy: Part I - Bony Structures (CE591) • Head and Neck Anatomy: Part II - Bony Structures (CE592) • Head and Neck Anatomy: Part III - Bony Structures (CE593) • Practical Panoramic Imaging (CE589) • Sleep Bruxism: Myths, Misconceptions and Management Strategies (CE630)
Infection Control/ Hazardous Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerosols in the Dental Office: Best Practices for Patient and Practitioner Safety (CE619) • Clinical Practice Guidelines for an Infection Control/Exposure Control Program in the Oral Healthcare Setting (CE342) • Environmental Infection Prevention and Control (CE363) • Hand Hygiene (CE590) • 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 Infection Prevention (CE582) • Mandated, Highly Recommended, and Other Vaccines for Oral Healthcare Personnel Workers (CE479) • Personal Protective Equipment (CE483) • Postexposure Evaluation and Follow-up (CE472) • Regulated Medical Waste Management (CE498) • Sterilization and Disinfection of Patient-care Items in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE474) • What You Need to Know About the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic (CE652)

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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) · Intraoral Radiographic Anatomy (CE601) · Panoramic Radiographs: Technique & Anatomy Review (CE533) · Practical Panoramic Imaging (CE589) · Radiographic Selection Criteria (CE584) · Radiographic Techniques for the Pediatric Patient (CE63) · Anomalies of Tooth Structure (CE651) · Intraoral Imaging Techniques: Beyond the Textbook (CE660)
DH Preclinic Lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Aerosols in the Dental Office: Best Practices for Patient and Practitioner Safety (CE619) · Anatomy & Histology of the Gingival Unit and Basic Oral Hygiene (CE592) · The Oral Microbiome: A New View of Plaque Biofilm (CE676) · Hand Hygiene (CE590) · HIV: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Workers (CE97) · Interpretation of Tooth Structure and Common Dental Anomalies (CE651) · Introduction to Infection Prevention (CE582) · 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"> · Aerosols in the Dental Office: Best Practices for Patient and Practitioner Safety (CE619) · Clinical Practice Guidelines for an Infection Control/Exposure Control Program in the Oral Healthcare Setting (CE342) · Diagnostic Guidelines for Blood Pressure Screening Techniques (CE490) · Hand Hygiene (CE590) · HIV: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Workers (CE97) · Introduction to Infection Prevention (CE582) · Personal Protective Equipment (CE483) · The Intraoral and Extraoral Exam (CE337)
Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Food for Thought: The Relationship Between Oral Health and Nutrition (CE583) · A Palette of Plant-based Diets: How do they Impact Dental Health? (CE659) · Popular Diet "Trends" - Lean in on Dental Health (CE663) · You Are What You Eat: Nutrition and Periodontal Health (CE664)
Second Semester Spring-DH	
Periodontology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Aligning the Dental Hygiene Diagnosis with the 2018 AAP Classification of Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases (CE620)

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Periodontology (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Alveolar Ridge Preservation and Augmentation for Optimal Implant Placement (CE626) · The Oral Microbiome: A New View of Plaque Biofilm (CE676) · Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Clinical Assessment in the Prevention of Peri-implant Mucositis, Peri-implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514) · Enhanced Visualization in Periodontal Therapy: A Clear Picture of Better Patient Care (CE653) · Periodontics: Oral Health and Wellness I. Understanding Periodontal Health, Recognizing Disease States and Choices in Treatment Strategies (CE50) · The 2018 AAP/EFP Classification of Periodontal & Peri-implant Diseases (CE610) · Using an Evidence-based Approach to Making Patient Recommendations for Power Toothbrushes (CE648)
DH Theory I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Actinic Cheilosis: Etiology, Epidemiology, Clinical Manifestations, Diagnosis, and Treatment (CE400) · A Nonsurgical Caries Treatment Option: Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) (CE678) · The Oral Microbiome: A New View of Plaque Biofilm (CE676) · Oral Hard Tissue Disease and Home Care Management (CE661) · 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) · Choosing a Toothpaste: What's the Big Deal? (CE565) · Current Concepts in Preventive Dentistry (CE334) · Minimally Invasive Treatment of Proximal Lesions (CE627)
DH Clinic I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Care & Maintenance of Dental Restorations (CE468)
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) · A-Z Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE670)General Principles of Pharmacology (CE580) · Local Anesthesia in Pediatric Dentistry (CE325) · Local Anesthetic Agents in Dentistry (CE646) · Methamphetamine: Implications for the Dental Team (CE332) · Powerful Therapeutic Spices in Medicine (CE549a) update link · Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464) · The Dental Professional's Role in the Opioid Crisis (CE560) · The Dental Professional's Role in the Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance and Adverse Antibiotic Reactions (CE614)

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Dental Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Anterior Resin Infiltration: A Minimally Invasive Treatment Option for Enamel Caries and Cosmetic Defects (CE634) · 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) · Full Arch Implant Prostheses: Part I - Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (CE612) · Full Arch Implant Prostheses: Part II - Fabrication Procedures (CE618) · Non-Metal Clasp Dentures (CE650) · Digital Dentures (CE662) · Evaluating and Establishing Ideal Smile Esthetics : Beauty is More than Skin Deep (CE649) · Minimally Invasive Treatment of Proximal Lesions (CE627) · Prosthesis Retention and Effective Use of Denture Adhesive in Complete Denture Therapy (CE360) · Sleep Bruxism: Myths, Misconceptions and Management Strategies (CE630) · Smile Design: 7 Deadly Sins (CE642) · What to Know About Whitening (CE491) · How Whitening Works! (CE657)
Histology/Microbiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Anatomy & Histology of the Gingival Unit and Basic Oral Hygiene (CE592) · 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"> · Alveolar Ridge Preservation and Augmentation for Optimal Implant Placement (CE626) · A Nonsurgical Caries Treatment Option: Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) (CE678) · Anterior Resin Infiltration: A Minimally Invasive Treatment Option for Enamel Caries and Cosmetic Defects (CE634) · 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) · Oral Hard Tissue Disease and Home Care Management (CE661) · 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)

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DH Theory II (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Preventing Peri-Implant Mucositis, Peri-Implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514) • Dentinal Hypersensitivity: A Review (CE200) • Full Arch Implant Prostheses: Part I - Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (CE612) • Full Arch Implant Prostheses: Part II - Fabrication Procedures (CE618) • A-Z Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE670) • Immunological and Inflammatory Aspects of Periodontal Disease (CE1) • Minimally Invasive Treatment of Proximal Lesions (CE627) • Oral Piercings: Implications for Dental Professionals (CE423) • Ortho 101 for the Dental Professional (CE413) • Periodontics: Oral Health and Wellness I. Understanding Periodontal Health, Recognizing Disease States and Choices in Treatment Strategies (CE50) • Sleep Bruxism: Myths, Misconceptions and Management Strategies (CE630) • The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395) • The Truth about Hidden Sugars: A Risk for Health (CE558) • The 2018 AAP/EFPP Classification of Periodontal & Peri-implant Diseases (CE610) • What to Know About Whitening (CE491) • How Whitening Works! (CE657) • Medically Compromised Patient Care (CE628)
DH Clinic II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choosing a Toothpaste: What's the Big Deal? (CE565) • A-Z Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE670) • The 2018 AAP/EFPP Classification of Periodontal & Peri-implant Diseases (CE610) • Using an Evidence-based Approach to Making Patient Recommendations for Power Toothbrushes (CE648)
Interpersonal Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivational Interviewing: A Patient-Centered Approach to Elicit Positive Behavior Change (CE381) • Achieving Patient-centered Care through Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (CE471)
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) • Forensic Dentistry (CE401) • Geriatric Dentistry: Before you call 911 (CE586) • Immunological and Inflammatory Aspects of Periodontal Disease (CE1) • Introduction to Infection Prevention (CE582) • Oral Cancer (CE348) • Periodontics: Oral Health and Wellness I. Understanding Periodontal Health, Recognizing Disease States and Choices in Treatment Strategies (CE50) • What You Need to Know About the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic (CE652)

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Community Dental Health/ Health Education	<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) · A-Z Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE670) · A Nonsurgical Caries Treatment Option: Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) (CE678) · 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) · Child Maltreatment: The Role of a Dental Professional (CE599) · Choosing a Toothpaste: What's the Big Deal? (CE565) · Current Concepts in Preventive Dentistry (CE334) · Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse: The Basics (CE674) · Food for Thought: The Relationship Between Oral Health and Nutrition (CE583) · Geriatric Dentistry: Before you call 911 (CE586) · Improving Oral Health Literacy: Teaching Primary School Students Through the Lessons in a Lunch Box Program (CE456) · Introduction to Infection Prevention (CE582) · Minimally Invasive Treatment of Proximal Lesions (CE627) · Motivational Interviewing: A Patient-Centered Approach to Elicit Positive Behavior Change (CE381) · Sealants: The Added Link in Prevention (CE673) · Recognizing a Human Trafficking Victim or a Perpetrator (CE600) · Smiles For Tomorrow (CE4) · Strategies for Searching the Literature Using PubMed (CE340) · The Dental Professional's Role in the Opioid Crisis (CE560) · The Truth about Hidden Sugars: A Risk for Health (CE558) · Using an Evidence-based Approach to Making Patient Recommendations for Power Toothbrushes (CE648) · What You Need to Know About the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic (CE652)
Dental Office Emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Geriatric Dentistry: Before you call 911 (CE586) · Management of Pediatric Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE391)

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Dental Office Emergencies (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 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)
DH Theory III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Actinic Cheilosis: Etiology, Epidemiology, Clinical Manifestations, Diagnosis, and Treatment (CE400) · An Introduction to Substance Use Disorders for Dental Professionals (CE545) · Anxiety, Depression, Stress, and Oral Health (CE573) · Basic Techniques for Management of the Infant and Toddler Patient (CE54) · Child Maltreatment: The Role of a Dental Professional (CE599) · Dental Care for Infants (CE387) · Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse: The Basics (CE674) · Effective Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Administration for Children (CE92) · Geriatric Dentistry: Before You Call 911 (CE586) · Managing Dental Erosion: Current Understandings & Future Directions (CE517) · Methamphetamine: Implications for the Dental Team (CE332) · Oral Cancer (CE348) · Recognizing a Human Trafficking Victim or a Perpetrator (CE600) · Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464) · The Dental Professional's Role in the Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance and Adverse Antibiotic Reactions (CE614) · The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395) · Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534)
DH Clinic III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Actinic Cheilosis: Etiology, Epidemiology, Clinical Manifestations, Diagnosis, and Treatment (CE400) · Anxiety, Depression, Stress, and Oral Health (CE573) · Cardiovascular Drugs Our Patients Take (CE581) · Child Maltreatment: The Role of a Dental Professional (CE599) · Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse: The Basics (CE674) · Geriatric Dentistry: Before you call 911 (CE586) · Methamphetamine: Implications for the Dental Team (CE332) · Oral Cancer (CE348) · Recognizing a Human Trafficking Victim or a Perpetrator (CE600) · The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395) · Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534)

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General Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Anxiety, Depression, Stress, and Oral Health (CE573) · Child Maltreatment: The Role of a Dental Professional (CE599) · Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse: The Basics (CE674) · Geriatric Dentistry: Before You Call 911 (CE586) · Recognizing a Human Trafficking Victim or a Perpetrator (CE600)
Fourth Semester Spring-DH	
Dental Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Child Maltreatment: The Role of a Dental Professional (CE599) · Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse: The Basics (CE674) · 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) · Evidence-based Dentistry – Why Do I Need That? (CE625)
Professional Development/ Office Mgmt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A Humanistic Approach to Team Member Motivation (CE525) · The Concepts of Four-Handed Dentistry Including Ergonomic Instrument Transfer and Exercises for Stress Reduction (CE643) · Dental Records: Best Practices for Information Management and Retention (CE532) · Perfect Posture Mechanics: Part I – Dentistry and Your Body (CE667) · Perfect Posture Mechanics: Part II – Into the Operatory The Synergistic Interplay Between Dental Sleep Medicine and General Dentistry, Should Your Practice be Concerned? Why? (CE621) · Speak Spanglish: Caring for the Latin Community (CE675)
DH Theory IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Achieving Patient-centered Care through Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (CE471) · 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) · Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse: The Basics (CE674) · Evidence-Based Decision Making: Introduction and Formulating Good Clinical Questions (CE311) · Evidence-based Dentistry – Why Do I Need That? (CE625) · Forensic Dentistry (CE401) · Evaluating and Establishing Ideal Smile Esthetics : Beauty is More than Skin Deep (CE649)

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DH Theory IV (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Lasers in Dentistry: Minimally Invasive Tools for the Modern Practice (CE394) · Local Anesthesia in Pediatric Dentistry (CE325) · Local Anesthetic Agents in Dentistry (CE646) · Minimally Invasive Treatment of Proximal Lesions (CE627) · Motivational Interviewing: A Patient-Centered Approach to Elicit Positive Behavior Change (CE381) · Perfect Posture Mechanics: Part I - Dentistry and Your Body (CE667) · Perfect Posture Mechanics: Part II - Into the Operatory (CE672) · Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464) · Sleep Apnea Management for the Dentist (CE578) · Sleep Bruxism: Myths, Misconceptions and Management Strategies (CE630) · Smile Design: 7 Deadly Sins (CE642) · Strategies for Searching the Literature Using PubMed (CE340) · The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395) · Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534)
DH Clinic IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Achieving Patient-centered Care through Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (CE471) · Aligning the Dental Hygiene Diagnosis with the 2018 AAP Classification of Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases (CE620) · The Concepts of Four-Handed Dentistry Including Ergonomic Instrument Transfer and Exercises for Stress Reduction (CE643) · Evidence-Based Decision Making: Introduction and Formulating Good Clinical Questions (CE311) · Evidence-based Dentistry - Why Do I Need That? (CE625) · Local Anesthesia in Pediatric Dentistry (CE325) · Local Anesthetic Agents in Dentistry (CE646) · Motivational Interviewing: A Patient-Centered Approach to Elicit Positive Behavior Change (CE381) · Sleep Apnea Management for the Dentist (CE578) · Smile Design: 7 Deadly Sins (CE642) · Using an Evidence-based Approach to Making Patient Recommendations for Power Toothbrushes (CE648)
DH Electives	
Intro to Sociology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Child Maltreatment: The Role of a Dental Professional (CE599) · Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse: The Basics (CE674) · Recognizing a Human Trafficking Victim or a Perpetrator (CE600)