

## **MASTER SYLLABUS**

**COURSE NO., HOURS AND TITLE:** DH 410-3 Ethics, Jurisprudence and Practice  
Management for Dental Hygienists

**INSTRUCTOR:** TBD

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Ethical and legal issues related to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene are studied. Case situations are evaluated to determine appropriate man agreement in accordance with the principles of dental ethics and jurisprudence. Review and interpretation of dental practice acts and licensure requirements are included. The student integrates current knowledge of the dental hygiene field with additional information on employment issues such as dental office procedures, resumes, staff relationships, career opportunities, etc. Not for graduate credit. Prerequisite: DH 355 and DH 355C with a grade of C or better.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

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

1. Evaluate changes in the practice of dental hygiene from its inception to the present.
2. Discuss the evolution of and current procedures for the education requirements and credentialing of dental hygienists.
3. Define and compare the concepts of ethics and jurisprudence.
4. Differentiate between ethical and unethical, legal and illegal behavior.
5. Discuss aspects of the Code of Ethics of the American Dental Hygienists Association and apply the concepts expressed within the Code to dental hygiene practice situations.
6. Define various legal terms and explain their relationship to dental and dental hygiene practice and malpractice.
7. List legal dental hygiene procedures according to those specified in the Illinois Dental Practice Act.

8. Compare the Illinois Dental Practice Act to another state, province, or country
9. Discuss team approach to patient care.
10. Prepare to enter the job market.

## CONTENT OUTLINE:

<b>Topics</b>	<b>Percentages</b>
I. Current Issues in Dental Hygiene and Dentistry	10%
II. Ethics and Ethical Codes	20%
A. Ethical Theories	
B. Clarification of Terms	
C. Code of Ethics and Core Values	
D. Ethical Dilemmas	
E. Decision-Making	
III. Standards of Care	10%
A. Quality of Care	
B. Consumer Interest	
C. Peer Review	
D. Continuing Education	
IV. Rights and Duties	10%
A. Confidentiality	
B. Informed Consent	
C. HIPAA	
V. Legal Aspects of Dental Hygiene Care	10%
A. Criminal, Civil, Tort and Contract Laws	
B. Negligence, Malpractice, and Technical Battery	
C. Risk Management	
D. Forensic Dentistry	
VI. Dental Practice Acts	10%
A. National, Regional and State Boards	
B. Educational Requirements and Credentialing	
C. Scope of Practice	
VII. Social Issues	10%
A. Workplace Legislation	
B. Reporting Abuse	
C. Access to Care	
D. Advocacy	
VII. Practice Management	20%

- A. Resumes and Interviewing
- B. Team Approach to Dental Care
- C. Communication Strategies
- D. Personal and Professional Insurance
- E. Career and Financial Planning

**TEXTBOOK:**

**Required:**

Darby, M. L., Walsh, M. M. (2015). Dental Hygiene Theory and Practice. St. Louis, M. Saunders