

## MASTER SYLLABUS

**COURSE NO., HOURS, AND TITLE:** DH 448-2 Community Oral Health Practicum

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Principles of community oral health are applied through practical experience. Programming phases of assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation are studied in detail. The student will develop and present dental health education programs according to these principles. This course is writing intensive and reflects the College's Communication-Across-the-Curriculum initiative. Lecture one hour. Practicum two hours. 16 weeks. 2 credit hours. Not for graduate credit. Prerequisite: DH 347, SPCM 101, ENGL 101 and 102. Laboratory fee: \$35

**PREREQUISITE TO:** DH 417 or concurrent enrollment

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

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

1. Apply education principles and use creative methods for increasing the public's interest and participation in better oral health.
2. Take an active role in the community as an oral health resource person.
3. Describe the role of a dental hygienist in various community-based oral health programs.
4. Design a needs assessment instrument for a specified population.
5. Plan, implement, and evaluate oral health education programs.
6. Develop learning activities and visual aids to be used in oral health education programs.
7. Evaluate various types of educational materials pertaining to oral health and determine their value for use in educational programs.
8. Identify roles of the dental hygienist in promoting dental public health measures.
9. Describe career options for dental hygienists in community oral health.
10. Discuss how dental health education programs support the oral health objectives in *Healthy People 2020*.

**TOPICAL OUTLINE:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
I. Program Planning Overview	5%
II. Assessment	20%
III. Planning	20%
IV. Implementation	20%
V. Evaluation	20%
VI. Dental Health Education and Promotion	10%
VII. Careers in Dental Public Health	5%

**TEXTBOOK:**

Nathe, C. N. (2011). *Dental public health & research. Contemporary practice for the dental hygienist* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education, Inc.

