MASTER SYLLABUS

COURSE NO., HOURS AND TITLE: DH 347-3 Community Oral Health

INSTRUCTOR: TBD

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
The student is introduced to the general principles of dental public health and community oral health and these principles will be applied through practical experiences. Programming phases of assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis, planning, implementation, evaluation and documentation are studied in detail. Lecture three hours. Length: 16 weeks. Prerequisites: DH 247, DH 247L with grades of C or better. Restricted to DH majors only and approval from the School of Allied Health or the DH program.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:
1. Demonstrate a workable knowledge of terms used in dental public health and community dentistry.
2. Contrast the principles of community-based dentistry with those of private practice dentistry.
3. Identify key historical events that have affected community-based dentistry.
4. Explain the hierarchy of public health organization in the United States.
5. Discuss current issues related to U.S. Health Care.
7. Discuss the interrelationships among dental need, demand, utilization and provision for care.
8. Discuss various financing methods for dental care, both private and public.
9. Discuss health literacy as it specifically pertains to community oral health.
10. Apply education principles and use creative methods for increasing the public's interest and participation in better oral health.
11. Take an active role in the community as an oral health resource person.
12. Describe the role of a dental hygienist in various community-based oral health programs.
13. Design a needs assessment instrument for a specified population.
15. Develop learning activities and visual aids to use in oral health education programs.
16. Evaluate various types of educational materials pertaining to oral health and determine their value for use in educational programs.
17. Identify roles of the dental hygienist in promoting dental public health measures.
18. Describe career options for dental hygienists in community oral health.
19. Identify ways that cultural competency can be discovered in dental public health programs.
20. Discuss current federal and state legislative issues that are affecting dental hygiene practice.
21. Discuss how *Healthy People 2020* Oral Health Objectives are utilized in public health programs.

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**TEXTBOOK:**

Required: