Course Syllabus
Wayne County Community College District
DA 117  Clinical Practice I

CREDIT HOURS:  4.00

CONTACT HOURS: .00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is designed to perfect the students' competencies in performing dental assisting functions. Practice is provided in clinical chairside assisting in a dental setting. There is a one hour weekly seminar in conjunction with the field experience to integrate theoretical, laboratory, and clinical instruction and to provide opportunities for students to share their experiences.

PREREQUISITES: N/A

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

Specific Instructional Objectives:
- Given a clinical setting the student will actively participate in clinical assisting activities such as:
  - instrument transfer
  - operatory care
  - oral evacuation and retraction
  - patient positioning and management
    - infection control protocol
  - follow safety precautions for the protection of the patient and operator
  - preparation of dental materials
  - assisting the dental hygienist during an oral prophylaxis
  - restorative and/or specialty procedures

- Given a clinical setting the student will display a positive attitude by:
  - Accepting constructive suggestions
  - Seeking continual improvement
  - Identifying individual strengths and weaknesses
  - Exhibiting initiative
  - Requiring minimal supervision
  - Fulfilling assigned responsibilities
  - Looking for new assignments when completed
  - Displaying professional behavior
  - Being punctual
  - Following directions
  - Reporting in appropriate clinical dress to meet OSHA recommendations
• Given a self-reflection form, the student will complete the daily log and hand it in on a weekly basis. Performance will be satisfactory if completed on a timely basis and used as a point of discussion of clinical activities between student and instructor.
  o Performance will be satisfactory if in accordance with evaluation sheet by 80%.

**ASSESSMENT METHODS:**
Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral reports, group discussion, written reports or presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

**GRADING SCALE:**
A = 94% to 100%
B = 87% to 93%
C = 80% to 86%
D = 73% to 79%
E = less than 72%