Course Syllabus
Wayne County Community College District
DEN 100 Professional Development

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course prepares the dental auxiliary student to become a member of today's dental health team. It includes dental terminology and orientation to the profession of dentistry. Emphasis will be on professional standards, ethics, assertive communication, empathy training, time management, goal setting and job preparation.

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES

Upon completion of DEN 100 the student will continue to acquire the following skills, knowledge and values as outlined in the document “Competencies For The Dental Hygiene Graduate”

1. Ethics. The dental hygiene graduate must be able to discern and manage ethical issues of dental hygiene practice in a rapidly changing environment.
   This competency includes that the dental hygiene graduate must:
   1.1 Provide humane and compassionate care to all patients
   1.2 Maintain honesty in relationships with patients, colleagues and other professionals
   1.3 Ensure the privacy of the patient during dental hygiene treatment and counseling and the confidentiality of patient records
   1.4 Comply with state and federal laws governing the practice of dental hygiene

2. Information Management and Critical Thinking. The dental hygiene graduate must be able to acquire and synthesize information in a critical, scientific and effective manner.
   2.4 Demonstrate the ability to communicate professional knowledge verbally and in writing

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

90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E