

SYLLABUS

San Juan College Dental Hygiene Program

School of Science

DHYG 245 Principles of Practice 2 credit hours

Catalogue Description: Examination of the dental hygienist's role in practice settings including dental office management, employment considerations in both traditional and non-traditional settings, the future role of the dental hygienist, resume preparation, and job interviewing. Emphasis on the laws governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in New Mexico and the ethical standards established by the dental hygiene profession.

Semester Offered: Spring

Prerequisite Courses: DHYG 231, 233, 234, 235 and 237 with a "C" or above. Co-enrollment: DHYG 243, 244, 247 and enrollment or completion of PSYC 120 with a "C" or above.

<i>Common Student Learning Outcomes</i>	
<i>Upon successful completion of San Juan College programs and degrees, the student will....</i>	
<i>Learn</i>	<i>Students will actively and independently acquire, apply and adapt skills and knowledge to develop expertise and a broader understanding of the world as lifelong learners.</i>
<i>Think</i>	<i>Students will think analytically and creatively to explore ideas, make connections, draw conclusions, and solve problems.</i>
<i>Communicate</i>	<i>Students will exchange ideas and information with clarity and originality in multiple contexts.</i>
<i>Integrate</i>	<i>Students will demonstrate proficiency in the use of technologies in the broadest sense related to their field of study.</i>
<i>Act</i>	<i>Students will act purposefully, reflectively, and respectfully in diverse and complex environments.</i>

SPECIFIC LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to ...

1. Describe ethical and legal theories, principles and considerations that impact on moral and ethical decision making in the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.
2. Explain, in detail, the Board of Dental Health Care Rules that govern practice for a dentist, dental hygienist, and dental assistant in the State of New Mexico.
3. Compare the present and future role of dental hygiene in both traditional and non-traditional practice settings.
4. Describe various employment settings, preparing for employment, successful employment strategies for improving the work environment, employment compensation and employment opportunities, and strategies for obtaining career satisfaction.

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Syllabus reviewed by _____ Date: _____

A current syllabus must be on file in the dean's office for every course being taught during a given semester.