

DHYG 245 : Dental Hygiene Theory III

Credits 1

This lecture course is designed to enable students to expand their knowledge about treatment of the periodontally involved patient. Students will increase their knowledge of techniques for patient assessment, treatment planning, patient communication, full mouth scaling, and non-surgical periodontal treatment. Students study the connection between oral and systemic health. Tobacco Cessation Counseling is introduced. Students continue to add to their clinical case portfolio. This class may include students from multiple sections.

Prerequisites

[DHYG 135](#); concurrent enrollment in [DHYG 246](#)

Course Outcomes

Exhibit professionalism through personal appearance, attitude, legal and ethical conduct appropriate for the humanistic learning environment and delivery of dental hygiene care.

Discuss correct preventive and periodontal therapy instrumentation techniques.

Define connections between oral and overall health as they relate to decision making in the delivery of clinical patient care.

Explain advanced fulcrums that may be used when treating periodontally involved patients or improving access to difficult areas.

Develop and actively engage in academic/college writing and research skills appropriate to the academic course.

Summarize recall protocol necessary for continuity in long term preventive periodontal care.

Explain the process of Tobacco Cessation Counseling.

Develop and model critical thinking.

Engage in high-quality oral discussions and presentations.