

**Course Outline for: DENH 1143 Clinic 1****A. Course Description:**

1. Number of credits: 4  
Clinic hours per week: 8
2. Prerequisites: Acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program  
DENH 1112 Oral and Facial Anatomy  
DENH 1140 Pre-Clinic Theory  
DENH 1141 Pre-Clinic Skill Development
3. Corequisites: DENH 1142 Clinic Theory 1
4. MnTC Goals: None

The first clinical course in the dental hygiene program provides students with hands-on experience in delivering patient care. Bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, students begin working directly with patients in a clinical setting. Students build essential clinical skills, including patient assessment, preventive treatments, and basic periodontal therapy. Maintaining a strong emphasis on infection control, patient communication, and professionalism while treating patients in the dental clinic on campus under the supervision of licensed dental professionals is a priority.

**B. Date last reviewed/updated: May 2025****C. Outline of Major Content Areas:**

1. Appointment Routine
2. Medical History Assessment
3. Eaglesoft Dental Software
4. Intra-Extra Oral Exam
5. Dental Charting
6. Occlusion Assessment
7. Periodontal Assessment
8. Patient Education
9. Preventative Dental Procedures
10. Basic Periodontal Therapies
11. Documentation
12. Treatment Planning
13. Instrument Sharpening
14. Care of Removable Prosthesis
15. Patient Care Management
16. Professionalism
17. Communication
18. Clinical Assistant

**D. Course Learning Outcomes:**

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

1. Apply Normandale dental hygiene clinical policies and procedures to all clinical experiences.
2. Demonstrate professional judgement in a clinical situation.
3. Apply infection control procedures to all situations in the clinical environment.
4. Perform accurate vital sign screenings on all patients.
5. Demonstrate skills in accurate patient assessment.
6. Analyze patient data to formulate a dental hygiene diagnosis for each clinical patient.
7. Demonstrate knowledge in assessing, planning, implementing, evaluating, and documenting dental hygiene care.
8. Demonstrate proficiency in obtaining informed consent while utilizing plain language.
9. Utilize appropriate instruments for clinical procedures according to basic principles.
10. Demonstrate effective removal of supragingival and subgingival deposits with hand instrumentation and mechanical equipment.
11. Demonstrate basic instrument sharpening skills.
12. Demonstrate placement of topical fluoride.
13. Summarizes patient care priorities.
14. Demonstrate proficiency in the care and cleaning of removable appliances.
15. Apply current research to the clinical practice of dental hygiene care.
16. Demonstrate skills in time management and organization for efficient appointment management, patient scheduling, and record keeping.
17. Perform supportive services to aid in the operation of the dental clinic.

**E. Methods for Assessing Student Learning:**

Methods for assessment may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Clinical Performance Evaluations
2. Class 1 Competency Evaluation
3. Assignments

**F. Special Information:**

None