

Course Outline for: DENH 2244 Clinical Enrichment**A. Course Description:**

1. Number of credits: 2-4
2. Clinic hours per week: 4-8
3. Prerequisites: Acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program
DENH 2241 Clinic 2
DENH 2243 Clinic 3
Instructor recommendation
4. Corequisites: None
5. MnTC Goals: None

Students continue to strengthen their clinical skills while meeting clinical requirements and competencies necessary to successfully complete the dental hygiene program. Students practice essential techniques, improve time management, and enhance patient care. They receive hands-on instruction, feedback, and mentorship. Areas of focus include instrumentation, radiology, treatment planning, pain management, and patient communication. Students work with patients in the Normandale Dental Hygiene Clinic to build confidence and competence. Faculty provide guidance to ensure students meet their goals. By the end, students demonstrate improved efficiency, critical thinking, and professional growth, preparing them for successful clinical performance and patient care.

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

1. Dental Hygiene Process of Care
2. Instrumentation Techniques
3. Radiographic Imaging
4. Pain and Anxiety Management
5. Time Management
6. Communication
7. Oral Health Education
8. Quality Assurance
9. Infection Prevention and Control Practices
10. Ethics and Professionalism
11. Critical Thinking

D. Course Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Model professionalism through ethical decision-making in patient care and clinical responsibilities.
2. Implement infection control standards and hazardous waste management protocols.

3. Utilize professional writing skills for complete and accurate recordkeeping.
4. Analyze clinical data to gain a comprehensive understanding of patient's condition.
5. Design an individualized care plan based on the dental hygiene diagnosis.
6. Use appropriate techniques and modalities in planned dental hygiene interventions.
7. Synthesize evidence-based information to effectively obtain informed consent.
8. Evaluate patient assessment data in comprehensive dental hygiene diagnosis formulation.
9. Evaluate optimal oral health outcomes of preventive and therapeutic procedures.
10. Integrate instrumentation techniques for enhanced clinical effectiveness and patient outcomes.
11. Demonstrate successful removal of hard and soft deposits (sub and supragingival).
12. Integrate instrumentation into comprehensive periodontal debridement procedures.
13. Apply critical thinking skills based on patient response and clinical conditions.
14. Demonstrate proper use of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide sedation.
15. Establish time management strategies for efficient appointment flow.
16. Apply effective communication skills for professional and patient care interactions.
17. Evaluate radiographic evidence with clinical assessment to support accurate diagnosis and treatment planning.
18. Develop individualized instrumentation strategies for patients with complex periodontal conditions based on radiographic findings and clinical evaluation.

E. Methods for Assessing Student Learning:

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

1. Clinical Performance Evaluations

F. Special Information:

None