South Central College

DA 1845  Clinical Affiliations

Course Outcome Summary

Course Information

Description
This course is designed to give the dental assistant student practical experience in dental practices. The extra-mural experiences will be completed in local dental offices including specialty areas as available. Clinical duties and expanded functions covering all aspects of the dental practice will be utilized. (Prerequisites: Successful completion of all previous dental assisting courses. Valid Healthcare Provider CPR)

Total Credits 8
Total Hours 320

Types of Instruction

Instruction Type
Clinical, On the job. 1 credit lecture

Credits/Hours
7 credits on the job, 1 credit lecture.

Pre/Corequisites
Successful completion of all previous dental assisting courses.
Valid Healthcare Provider CPR.

Institutional Core Competencies

Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility - Students will be able to demonstrate the ability to engage in the social responsibilities expected of a community member.

Communication - Students will be able to demonstrate appropriate and effective interactions with others to achieve their personal, academic, and professional objectives.

Critical and Creative Thinking - Students will be able to demonstrate purposeful thinking with the goal of using a creative process for developing and building upon ideas and/or the goal of using a critical process for the analyzing and evaluating of ideas.

Cultural Competence - Students will be able to demonstrate an attitude of personal curiosity, a rising knowledge of cultures, and an evolving range of skills for living and working among others with other worldviews and ways of life.

Course Competencies
1. **Develop ethical guidelines**
   Learning Objectives
   Utilize Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) protocols
   Practice ethical office protocol

2. **Implement professional guidelines**
   Learning Objectives
   Employ ethical standards of dentistry
   Demonstrate professional skills

3. **Perform communication methods**
   Learning Objectives
   Utilize professional language in clinical setting
   Apply team communication techniques

4. **Utilize critical thinking skills**
   Learning Objectives
   Deliver patient education and instructions
   Apply problem solving skills with patient management

5. **Demonstrate clinic preparation methods**
   Learning Objectives
   Select appropriate materials for specified treatments
   Prepare dental handpieces

6. **Prepare operatory for patient treatment**
   Learning Objectives
   Prepare instrument set-ups for procedures
   Prepare materials for procedures as directed

7. **Apply skills in four-handed and six-handed dentistry**
   Learning Objectives
   Practice isolation techniques
   Complete diagnostic techniques as prescribed

8. **Apply dental assisting knowledge with dental procedures**
   Learning Objectives
   Assist with restorative procedures
   Utilize team treatment methods

9. **Implement dental office procedures**
   Learning Objectives
   Demonstrate data collection with patient records
   Categorize patient records after treatment

10. **Complete delegated duties according to Minnesota Board of Dentistry**
    Learning Objectives
    Distinguish delegated duties for Minnesota
    Perform delegated duties within clinical settings

11. **Utilize dental materials clinically**
    Learning Objectives
    Prepare impression materials as directed
    Prepare appropriate lab materials as directed

12. **Apply knowledge of chairside procedures**
Learning Objectives
Demonstrate knowledge of restorative Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
Utilize instrument transfer skills at chairside

13. **Demonstrate patient safety standards**

Learning Objectives
Utilize correct patient positioning for individual treatment
Employ patient safety devised during treatment

14. **Demonstrate operator safety standards**

Learning Objectives
Comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards
Employ Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) standards during clinic hours

15. **Complete radiographs as directed**

Learning Objectives
Complete periapical radiographs as directed
Evaluate patient radiographs
Identify radiograph techniques

16. **Apply Bloodborne Pathogens Standard**

Learning Objectives
Incorporate Bloodborne Pathogens Standard
Implement hazardous waste protocol
Utilize Bloodborne Pathogen exposure prevention methods

17. **Utilize business office skills as directed**

Learning Objectives
Demonstrate phone skills as directed
Analyze daily schedules

18. **Utilize dental software**

Learning Objectives
Prepare patient records for treatment
Demonstrate knowledge in dental software

19. **Utilize Minnesota expanded functions**

Learning Objectives
Define Minnesota expanded functions
Employ expanded functions as directed by dentist

20. **Maintain internship records**

Learning Objectives
Complete log of activities
Assemble internship records for review

21. **Analyze employment opportunities**

Learning Objectives
Evaluate job opportunities
Complete job applications

22. **Complete National and State board examination applications**

Learning Objectives
Complete Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) test application
Complete Minnesota licensure test application

23. **Participate in seminars**
Learning Objectives
Attend seminars as scheduled
Identify weekly progress
Complete documents and weekly results forms

24. **Prepare for licensure in accordance with Minnesota Board of Dentistry**

   Learning Objectives
   Complete background application
   Complete initial professional portfolio

**SCC Accessibility Statement**
South Central College strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you have a disability and need accommodations for access to this class, contact the Academic Support Center to request and discuss accommodations. North Mankato: Room B-132, (507) 389-7222; Faribault: Room A-116, (507) 332-7222.

Additional information and forms can be found at: [www.southcentral.edu/disability](http://www.southcentral.edu/disability)

This material can be made available in alternative formats by contacting the Academic Support Center at 507-389-7222.

**Attendance**
Attendance is critical for completion of this course. Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 hour weekly at each extra-mural site, 32 hours is preferred. Students will work the hours the dental office has established, students will not adjust these hours to accommodate their personal schedules. Each student will participate in two (2) five (5) week extra-mural clinical affiliations; internships, vacations are not allowed. Attendance is required for weekly seminars, dates and times of the seminars will be established early in the semester.

**Dress Code**
Professional attire will be required for each day, name tags will be displayed and all PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) will be used in each clinical setting.

**Professionalism**
Students are expected to follow professionalism guidelines, use appropriate language and terms. Students will follow protocols as set by the extra-mural site, will employ proper problem solving skills, will be punctual, and maintain a safe work environment.

**HIPAA**
Students will follow all HIPAA guidelines and will protect patient privacy at all times. All protected health information will remain private the the student will not reveal any of the protected information. Any reference to situations at the extra-mural site will not include any identifying factors.

**Seminar**
Students will be required to meet weekly with faculty to review the weeks progress, turn in relevant forms, discuss employment opportunities as well as prepare for state and national board exams.