

Course Description

DEH2701 | Community Dental Health 1 | 3.00 credits

Public Health Dentistry and the role of the dental hygienist. Prerequisite: DEH1804L.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will examine the principles of public health dentistry by:

- 1. Analyzing the impact of community health initiatives on oral health outcomes
- 2. Investigating the role of epidemiology in understanding dental diseases
- 3. Evaluating public health policies and their effectiveness in promoting oral health

Competency 2: The student will assess the role of the dental hygienist in public health by:

- 1. Identifying key responsibilities of dental hygienists in community health settings
- 2. Exploring collaboration opportunities with other health professionals to enhance oral health services
- 3. Developing strategies for community outreach and education to improve dental hygiene practices

Competency 3: The student will engage in practical applications of public health concepts by:

- 1. Designing a community-based oral health program addressing specific population needs
- 2. Conducting surveys or assessments to determine community oral health challenges
- 3. Presenting findings and recommendations to stakeholders to advocate for improved dental health resources

Learning Outcomes

- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information