



MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY  
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM  
DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION  
DNHY 4013

COURSE SYLLABUS - FALL 2023  
COURSE: DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION  
DAY/TIME: Tuesday 1:00 to 4:00PM

COURSE DELIVERY: This course will be delivered face-to-face in Centennial Hall room #103 A & B.

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Available via cell phone call or text between 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM only,  
except in the case of an extreme emergency.

#### REQUIRED

TEXTS: Dental Hygiene Theory and Practice, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed.  
Darby and Walsh

Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist, 13th Ed.  
Esther M. Wilkins

Community Oral Health, Beatty, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.

#### SYLLABUS CHANGE

##### POLICY:

This syllabus is a guide for the course, not a “contract,” and is subject to change. Syllabus changes will be communicated via written revisions with a minimum of 48 hours’ notice before relevant changes take place. Please keep this syllabus as a reference. Students are responsible for this information and any changes to the syllabus as explained above.

#### COURSE

##### DESCRIPTION:

Course Description from most current MSU Catalog. As listed in the most current MSU catalog this course builds on previously learned knowledge by integrating it with the concepts of learning theory and applications, motivation, and the physical, mental,

emotional, social, and moral development of various age groups. Emphasis is placed on the interrelationship of physical (general, as well as oral), psychological, social, and economic influences in compliance and noncompliance with preventive dental health programs, techniques, and aides. It explores the role of the dental hygienist in the assessment of patient needs, planning treatment and patient education strategies, and then implementation and evaluation of these activities. Preparation of terminal and behavioral objectives, curriculum development, and preparation of lesson plans to be used in community projects in Dental Public Health.

#### COURSE

**OBJECTIVES: Given reading assignments, lecture, class discussion and lab and clinic work as applicable, upon completion of this course the student should be able to:**

1. Summarize the purpose of dental health education.
2. Identify and analyze the development of the patient's health attitudes and behaviors.
3. Explain and demonstrate interpersonal skills and personality characteristics deemed desirable in the competent dental health educator.
4. Differentiate between the techniques utilized when conducting dental education.
5. Analyze and discuss the role of nutrition in the etiology and progress of dental disease on a professional level, as well as in 'lay' terms.
6. Describe the relationship between nutrition and the formation of plaque, caries, and periodontal disease.
7. Identify the various psychological characteristics of different age groups that affect dental health instruction techniques and materials used.
8. Recognize cultural as well as socioeconomic barriers that can affect dental health instruction techniques and materials used.
9. Formulate and present a comprehensive patient education program on an individualized basis to patients in the clinical setting.
10. Draft and submit a written report based on a geriatric interview (de-identified information only) that illustrates how the patient's upbringing and life history shaped their current oral health views/status. Discuss appropriate modifications to oral health education and patient management techniques.

#### COURSE

##### EVALUATION:

##### **Examinations:**

**Four** examinations, including the senior 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester Final Exam, will be given for this course. Each exam will be **comprehensive** from the first-class session and each will constitute 20% of the final course grade. Students missing an exam due to illness will be allowed to make up the exam on the day of their return to school. No grade

higher than a 90 will be given for make-up examinations. Students will be allowed to make up only one (1) exam per semester. A "make-up" opportunity **does not** include the Senior 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester Final Exam.

### **Final Exam**

The **Senior 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester Final Examination** will constitute 25% of the final course grade. It is a 4-hour exam which will serve as the combined final exam for each of the courses offered in the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of the dental hygiene curriculum; Dental Hygiene 3, Dental Health Education, and Pathology. The exam will consist of two sections: (1) approximately 150 multiple choice questions covering the content of the courses listed above and (2) a case-based portion.

The case-based portion of the exam (50-75 items) will incorporate content from **ALL** dental hygiene courses taken to this point in time. The case-based portion will be figured into the final exam as bonus points. This format, rather than individual course final exams will more effectively assess the student's ability to combine didactic and clinical content, as well as aid in preparing the student for the National Board Dental Hygiene Exam.

**Geriatric Interview Project Extra Credit:** The Geriatric Interview project will constitute 3 points added to the lowest test grade, excluding the final exam. Specific instructions and a rubric for this project will be provided during the first-class session. **All work on this project MUST conform to the MSU Dental Hygiene Department PRIVACY PRACTICE PROTOCOL (See complete policy Dental Hygiene Dept Handbook Section 1.4)**

### **Multicultural Project:**

The multicultural project will constitute 10% of the final course grade. Specific instructions and a rubric for this project will be provided later in the semester.

**Professional Development:** The PDP project will constitute 5% of your semester 3 grade. During the semester, you will be expected to attend a minimum of two (2) professional presentations, outside of regularly scheduled dental hygiene courses. These presentations may include those given by other programs within the College of HSHS, pre-approved online courses, the area dental Society or any MSU International Student Organization activity. You will develop a digital portfolio through D2L to include the following information: 1) certificates of attendance (if provided); 2) dates, locations, and hours of attendance; 3) presenter (including all professional titles and certifications); 4) copies of all course notes/materials provided. This portfolio will continue to be developed as you progress through the Dental Hygiene Program. It is expected that upon successful completion of the requirements of the Dental Hygiene program, and following graduation, this portfolio will provide an accurate assessment of extra-curricular professional development for the individual.

### **Potential Enrichment Activities:**

Other College of HSHS CE Programs; ICE event, Mustang Rally, etc.

TX Southwest Dental Conference CE Programs

Area Dental/DH CE Programs

MSU International Student Organization Activities, limit 2 per semester (enhance

multi-culturalism)

**Grading:** Students will receive a grade on Part I based on the 50 multiple choice items pertaining directly to Dental Hygiene Ed content. Points earned on Part 2's case-based items pertaining to Dental Health Ed will be added to Part I as bonus points to determine the final exam grade for this course. The values of Part 2 items will be determined by the individual course instructor. Therefore, the points earned for Part 2 items will vary between courses.

Exam # 1	20%
Exam # 2	20%
Exam # 3	20%
Final Exam	25%
PDP Project	5%
<u>Multicultural Project</u>	<u>10%</u>
100% Final Course Grade	

Water bottles, cell phones, hand-held calculators/computers are not allowed in the room during any examination. Possession of any of these items during an exam will be construed as academic dishonesty and will be dealt with accordingly.

#### Dental Hygiene Department Grading Scale

A = 92 to 100

B = 83 to 91

C = 75 to 82

D = 65 to 74

75 FINAL COURSE AVERAGE IS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE GRADE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE

#### ATTENDANCE:

More than two (2) absences for any reason will result in a loss of 5 points from the final course grade for EACH absence over the allowed 2.

In cases of extreme illness and/or hospitalization, individual decisions may be made. Two (2) tardies will be the equivalent of one (1) absence. Students must be present for the entire class period to get credit for a class session. Students leaving class early will be counted as absent.

#### PHONE USE:

Cell phone use (texting or verbal) is extremely disruptive to your fellow classmates and to the faculty teaching your course. Therefore, the use of cell phones will not be tolerated, FOR ANY REASON. If you utilize your cell phone it will be confiscated for the remainder of the scheduled day. Repeat offenders will be asked to leave the classroom and will be required to meet with the faculty and the chair of the Dental Hygiene Department. In cases of emergencies, please notify spouses, family and friends to contact you via the program secretary at 397-4764.

#### ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

## **Dental Hygiene Honor System:**

**All Dental Hygiene courses adhere to the MSU Code of Conduct.** In particular, academic dishonesty, however small, creates a breach in academic integrity. A student's participation in this course comes with the expectation that his or her work will be completed in full observance of the MSU Code of Student Conduct. A student should consult the current Student Handbook for answers to any questions about the code.

Many components of dental hygiene courses are designed to be highly interactive with students helping each other learn. Students are encouraged to take full advantage of many resources available including course resources, Internet sites, other textbooks and journals, faculty, and peers when answering objectives. This interactive collegial learning environment is conducive for life-long learning.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to, (1) use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; (2) dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or completing other assignments; or (3) the acquisition of tests or other academic materials belonging to the university faculty or staff without permission.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, the use of, by paraphrase or direct quotation without correct citation in the text and on the reference list, the published or unpublished works of another person. Students may NOT submit papers and assignments that they have previously submitted for this or other courses. The use of materials generated by agencies engaged in "selling" term papers is also plagiarism. Students are encouraged to review the tutorials and suggested websites for more information about plagiarism.

Academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, etc.) will not be tolerated in this class. Whenever a student is unsure of whether a particular situation will be interpreted as academic dishonesty, he/she should ask the instructor for clarification. If students are guilty of academic dishonesty, a grade of zero (0) will be given for the quiz, assignment, etc. Cases may also be referred to the Dean of Students for possible dismissal from the university.

***PLEASE NOTE: By enrolling in this course, the student expressly grants MSU a "limited right" in all intellectual property created by the student for the purpose of this course. The "limited right" shall include but shall not be limited to the right to reproduce the student's work product in order to verify originality and authenticity, and for educational purposes. Specifically, faculty may submit student papers and assignments to an external agency to verify originality and authenticity, and to detect for plagiarism.***

## Social Media

- Do not use any social media site related to Midwestern State University or the Dental Hygiene Dept./Program to harass, threaten, insult, defame or bully another person or entity; to violate any College policy; or to engage in any unlawful act, including but not limited to gambling, identity theft or other types of fraud.

- Post or store content that is obscene, pornographic, defamatory, racist, excessively violent, harassing, threatening, bullying or otherwise objectionable or injurious.
- Post copyrighted content (such as text, video, graphics or sound files) without permission from the holder of the copyright. Remember, even information that is widely available to the public (such as text, photographs, or other material posted on the Internet) may be subject to copyright restrictions that prohibit unauthorized duplication or dissemination.
- Do not send me any social media friend request or ask to join any of my private social media platforms. You and I are in a professional instructor/student relationship and will remain so until after your graduation from MSU.

MSU COHSHS Student Conduct Appeals Committee:

All Midwestern State University (MSU) students may legitimately appeal a course grade if 1) the student has not been evaluated according to the same criteria as his or her classmates, or 2) an error has been made in grading and/or posting (MSU Student Handbook, p. 37.). In addition, the Office of the Dean of Students has the responsibility to enforce standards of conduct for students as outlined in the MSU Student Handbook (p. 70-80).

When enrolled in the College of Health Sciences and Human Services (COHSHS), students are often assigned to community agencies, such as health care facilities, social service agencies, or athletic environments, as part of their academic process. During these experiences, the student is expected to behave in a manner required of professionals working in this environment. COHSHS students may also be required to successfully complete a licensing/certification process following graduation. As a result, students in these programs are often held to a different academic and/or behavioral standard than students in other MSU programs. For example, students may not be allowed to progress in a program if they have been unsuccessful (D or F) in a certain number of courses in the major. In these circumstances, COHSHS faculty and administration, all of whom have had similar professional experience, may make decisions which negatively impact students' programmatic progress. COHSHS students have a right to a review of decisions made by the program faculty, which prevent individuals from progressing in their program in a timely manner. However, those who participate in the review must understand the context of the professions involved. Therefore, **issues concerning the professional conduct of students in the COHSHS will NOT be brought to the University Grade Committee, but to the COHSHS Student Conduct Appeals Committee.** Specifically, the COHSHS Student Conduct Appeals Committee will review faculty decisions related to

- Student conduct in a clinical experience, internship, or other work-related environment that negatively impacts the student's academic progress. This conduct may include behavior which is prohibited by licensing and/or professional standards or departmental policy;
- Student removal from a program because of a) professional conduct issues or b) failure to maintain academic standards required specifically by the program.\*

**\*SEE COHSHS WEB SITE FOR A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS POLICY**

### The Americans with Disabilities Act:

Midwestern State University does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's disability and complies with Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act in its admission, accessibility, and employment of individuals in programs and activities. MSU provides academic accommodations and auxiliary aids to individuals with disabilities, as defined by law, who are otherwise qualified to meet academic employment requirements. For assistance call (940) 397-4618 or (940) 397-4515.

It is the student's responsibility to declare any disabilities. After declaration, preferably at the beginning of each semester, the student needs to contact individual instructors to determine any reasonable accommodations that may be required.

### Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [Safety / Emergency Procedures](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "*Run. Hide. Fight.*" which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage: ["Run. Hide. Fight."](#)

### Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

