

DH - Degree Completion Course Descriptions

Dental Hygiene Completion Requirements 9 hours: DH 350, DH 440 and DH 450.

DH 350: Contemporary Dental Hygiene Professional Issues: This class is for newly admitted students, it provides a critical analysis of important professional issues, with an emphasis on the application of research to practice and development of future policies. (3 Credits). Offered fall and spring semester.

DH 440: Multicultural Issues in Dental Hygiene Care: Evaluation of multicultural issues relevant to dental hygiene practice and oral care in the United States. (3 Credits). DH 350 is required before completion of DH 440. Offered fall and spring semester.

DH 450 - Oral Health Research Evaluation: Introduces skills and tools that enable the oral health professional to read and apply scientific literature to dental hygiene practice. Letter grade only. (3 Credits). Completion of a statistics course is required for DH 450. Offered spring semester.

Senior Capstone 3 hours: DH 495C

DH 495C - Oral Health Outcomes: Basic, behavioral, and clinical sciences applied to assess needs, provide intervention, and evaluate oral health outcomes. Case/project documentation becomes part of your professional portfolio. (3 Credits). Completion of DH 450 is required for DH 495C. Offered fall semester.

Choose one of the following to meet the Junior Writing requirement: Junior Writing Experience 3 hours: either DH 373W or SHP 300W

DH 373W - Dental Public Health: Dental public health, oral epidemiology, and prevention and control of oral disease through community interventions. This course fulfills NAU's junior-level writing requirement. (3 Credits)

HHS 300W (previously SHP 300W): Applied Ethics in Health Care: This course examines health care practices from a moral point of view using philosophical argument techniques. This course fulfills NAU's junior-level writing requirement and an aesthetic/human inquiry requirement.

Choose one of the following 3 hours courses to meet the DH elective requirement (These are the current DH electives circulating throughout the year. More may come available as opportunities arise)

DH 340 – Oral Pathology: Studies significant pathology of the mouth and adjacent structures. Covers recognition, description, and treatment modalities to aid in the examination and treatment planning for the dental hygiene patient. Letter grade only

DH 419 - Periodontics II: Periodontal treatment and outcomes. If you are interested in this course you may need to contact me to assist with enrollment.

DH 430: Introduction to Dental Hygiene Teaching Internship: This course requires that you arrange to do a teaching internship in a dental hygiene program at a community college. You should contact the school that you want to do the internship with now and let Marge know that you want to take this course. It can be repeated twice for a total of 6 credit hours.

(3 Credits)

DH 497: Independent Study: Introduces the online environment to new Dental Hygiene Completion Students through guided reading and critical evaluation. Pass-fail only. (This course can be repeated twice for a total of 6 credit hours.)

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