

**El Paso Community College**  
**Syllabus**  
**Part II**  
**Official Course Description**

<b>SUBJECT AREA</b>	<u>Dental Hygiene</u>								
<b>COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER</b>	<u>DHYG 2253</u>								
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<u>Dental Hygiene Practice</u>								
<b>COURSE CREDIT HOURS</b>	<table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>2</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>2</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;">:</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>1</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Credit</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Lec</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Lab</td> </tr> </table>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	:	<u>1</u>	Credit	Lec		Lab
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**I. Catalog Description**

Emphasizes the laws governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene, moral standards, and the ethical standards established by the dental hygiene profession. Practice settings for the dental hygienist, office operations, employment and preparation for employment. A grade of "C" or better is required in this course to take the next course. **Prerequisites: DHYG 1207 and DHYG 1215 and DHYG 2231 and DHYG 2262 and PHIL 2306. Corequisites: DHYG 2102 and DHYG 2363 and SOCI 1301 or SOCI 1306 and SPCH 1315 or SPCH 1318 or SPCH 1321. (2:1). Lab fee.**

**II. Course Objectives**

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

- A. Demonstrate and understand the basic fundamentals of general law.
- B. Describe the concept of risk management and HIPAA its place in the practice of dental hygiene.
- C. Understand the role of the dental hygienist in health care.
- D. Understand the values and ethical concepts that support the principles of ethics.
- E. Explain the role of principles in the decision-making process of the dental hygienist.
- F. Demonstrate professional and personal ethics.
- G. Discuss and understand the Texas Dental Code and Rules and Regulations.
- H. Know the criteria for successful employment.
- I. Discuss the direct and implied responsibilities of the dental hygienist to the dental setting.
- J. Prepare a professional quality cover letter, resume, and references.
- K. Understand the dental hygienists role in office management.
- L. Discuss career opportunities available to the dental hygiene graduate.

**III. THECB Learning Outcomes (WECM)**

- 1. Explain the Dental Practice Act governing the dental and dental hygiene profession.
- 2. Evaluate ethical and moral issues affecting dental hygiene practice.
- 3. Describe traditional and non-traditional dental hygiene practice settings.
- 4. Prepare for employment.

**III. Evaluations**

**A. Examinations**

- 1. Written examinations will be given over Unit I, II, and III.
  - a. Unit II and III each have a value of two test grades
  - b. Pop quizzes for Unit II will count as one test grade.
- 2. The student will write a report on the ADHA and ADA Code of Ethics.
- 3. The student will be required to write comprehensive responses and discuss orally ethical dilemmas which will be presented on a regular basis.

4. The student will be required to write comprehensive responses to handouts and articles as assigned for reading.
5. The student will prepare a resume, references and a cover letter (quality of that for professional submission).
6. The student will prepare an Employment Agreement (The Ideal Job).
7. The student will prepare and present a report on careers for dental hygienists.
8. The student will be evaluated and graded on class participation for all units.
9. The student taking the Texas Jurisprudence test will physically share test results with the instructor of record.
10. Pop quizzes will be given at the discretion of the instructor. Accumulatively, they will count as one test grade.

**B. Grading Scale**

93 – 100 = A

84 – 92 = B

75 – 83 = C

74 and below = I or F

**C. Remediation**

The student will have the opportunity to bring up a written examination test score of less than 75%. Assigned, written papers worth a maximum of 5 points will be accepted, two papers maximum.

**D. Attendance**

All students will adhere to the College, Health Occupations Division and the EPCC Dental Hygiene Program Policy on attendance standards.

1. Students must maintain satisfactory attendance to achieve progress toward graduation.
2. Students must contact the instructor of record by 7:00 a.m. on the day that they will be absent.
3. The student will not be excused from class except for personal or family illness, or a family emergency.
4. Students MUST be on time.

**E. Dishonesty Policy**

All students will adhere to the EPCC Health Occupations Scholastic Dishonesty Policy.

The student will not cheat on a test, plagiarize, and/or collaborate with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements. Any student involved in scholastic dishonesty may, at the discretion of the faculty:

1. Have the test or paper graded zero.
2. Have the student removed from the class.
3. Have the student dismissed from the course or the program.

**IV. Disability Statement (American with/Disabilities Act [ADA])**

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

**V. 6 Drop Rule**

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see

Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.