

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: DNA 100

Credits: 1

Course Title: Introduction to Oral Health Professions

Course Description: Provides an introduction to the oral health profession and covers basic terminology, historical perspective, the credentialing process, accreditation, professional organizations, and legal and ethical considerations. Prerequisite or Co-requisite: Completion of courses in the Health Science I Career Studies Certificate. Lecture 1 hour per week.

General Course Purpose: DNA 100 is designed to provide information about the student's career choice. It will introduce students to many aspects of the profession of dentistry.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite or Co-requisite: Completion of courses required in the Health Science I Career Studies Certificate

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Identify historical figures who made important contributions to dentistry;
- b. Describe the roles of the assistant;
- c. Explain the education and licensure requirements of the dentist and hygienist;
- d. Identify the dental specialties;
- e. Explain the education and credentialing of the assistant and lab technician;
- f. Discuss the professional organizations;
- g. Describe the model for ethical decision-making;
- h. Explain the difference between ethics and the law;
- i. Describe the state dental board and the Dental Practice Act;
- j. Discuss abandonment, due care, omission, and commission;
- k. Explain the difference between expressed and implied consent;
- l. Demonstrate how to correct a chart entry; and
- m. Discuss the ownership of records and radiographs.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. History of dentistry
- b. The professional dental assistant
- c. Regulatory and advisory agencies
- d. The dental health care team
- e. Dental ethics
- f. Dentistry and the law

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