



# Wayne County Community College District

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### DHY 101 Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene

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**CREDIT HOURS:** 3.00

**CONTACT HOURS:** 45.00

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Fundamentals of dental hygiene focuses on developing the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills necessary for delivery of preventive, educational and therapeutic services to the public. This course will prepare the dental hygiene student with cognitive, psychomotor, and affective skills for entry into clinical dental hygiene practice. Also, this course will expose the student to selected services and skills performed by the dental hygienist. Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene is an introduction to the principles of dental hygiene practice. The students will be presented with topics to prepare them to perform basic skills safely and effectively. Theory of taking a complete medical and dental history, intra/extraoral examination, dental charting, periodontal charting, basic instrumentation, and use of the explorer will be covered. Students will practice procedures in the clinical course DHY 120. Emphasis will also be placed on professional standards, ethics, effective communication and confidentiality.

**PREREQUISITES:**

**EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be familiar with:

- Develop cognitive, psychomotor and affective skills for entry into clinical dental hygiene practice.
- Demonstrate selected services and skills performed by the dental hygienist.
- Demonstrate the overall process of dental hygiene care, with an emphasis on skills and procedures utilized in the assessment, implementation and evaluation of care.
- Demonstrate the foundation, knowledge necessary to provide basic dental hygiene care.

**ASSESSMENT METHODS:**

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

**GRADING SCALE:**

93%- 100% = A  
86% - 92% = B  
85% - 75% = C  
69% - 74% = D  
0% - 68% = E