



## DENT-141 – Community Dental Health

### Health and Human Services

**Effective Term & Year:** Fall 2022  
**Course Outline Review Date:** 2024-04-01

**Program Area:** Health

#### Description:

This course focuses on health promotion messages in the context of community health care. Students have the opportunity to prepare and present educational sessions to the public, while under the supervision of a licensed instructor. Certified Dental Assistants often provide nutritional and oral health counseling within a dental office or in a public health setting. Students also learn about caring for geriatric patients and people with disabilities.

#### Program Information:

This course is required for successful completion of the Certified Dental Assisting program.

**Delivery Methods:** On-campus (Face-to-Face)

**Credit Type:** College of the Rockies Credits

**Credits:** 3

#### Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	45
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	
Practicum/Field Experience	
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	

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Total	45
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**Course Requisites:**

- Complete all of the following
  - Completed the following:
    - DENT100 – Introduction to Dental Assisting (3)
    - DENT130 – Microbiology and Infection Control (2)
    - DENT131 – Basic Dental Assisting (2)
    - DENT132 – Patient Assessment (4)
    - DENT133 – Dental Office Emergencies (2)
    - DENT134 – Preventive Dentistry (3)
    - DENT135 – Dental Radiography (3)
    - DENT136 – Restorative Assisting (3)
    - DENT137 – Laboratory Procedures (2)
    - DENT140 – Dental Specialties (3)
    - DENT142 – Dental Reception (3)
  - Part 1 of DENT 154 and DENT PRAC #1

**Flexible Assessment:** No

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**Course Transfer Credit:**

For information about receiving transfer credit for courses taken at other BC institutions, please see <http://www.bctransferguide.ca>. All requests for course transfer credit from institutions in BC or elsewhere should go to the College of the Rockies Enrollment Services office.

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**Textbook Resources:**

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

Elsevier Saunders (Bird and Robinson, *Modern Dental Assisting*, 12th Edition,

ISBN 978-0-323-43030-2

Elsevier Saunders (Boyd), *Dental Instruments: A Pocket Guide*, 6th Edition,

ISBN 978-0-323-47405-4

## DENT 141 Module

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator <https://textbook.cotr.bc.ca/> for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- discuss and present dental practice in the community and in public health;
- discuss and describe the care for persons with disabilities within a dental care setting;
- discuss and describe the care for elderly patients within a dental care setting; identify the benefits and application of good nutrition for all aspects of the body including oral health; and
- present and promote dental health through community presentations.

**Course Topics:**

- Dental Assisting in Public Health
- Professional Involvement in the Community
- Oral Health Presentations in Groups
- Disability Considerations
- Geriatrics
- Nutrition

**Evaluation and Assessments****Assessment Type: On-Campus (face-to-face)**

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Quizzes, Worksheets and Assignments	10%
Community Dental Presentations	40% (in lieu of final)
Diet Analysis & Counseling	10%
Final Exam – Unit 6	40%
Total	100%

**Grade Scheme**

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
>=95	94-90	89-85	84-80	79-75	74-70					<70

**Pass requirements:** Students must achieve a minimum of 70% on all final examinations and an overall grade of 70% to pass this course.

### **Evaluation Notes Comments:**

**Community Presentations: All Practical Objectives must be successfully completed.**

Practical Objectives: Assist in Dental Public Health

Participate in Community Dental Health

Provide Oral Health Instruction to Groups

Deliver Community Presentations in Schools

Manage Patients with Disability Considerations

Manage Geriatric Patients

Provide Dentally Related Nutritional Information

### **Exam Attendance:**

Students must attend all scheduled exams at the appointed time and place. Instructors may approve an alternate exam to accommodate an illness or personal crisis. Department heads will consider other written requests. Any student who misses a scheduled exam without prior approval will receive a "0" on the exam.

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### **Academic Policies:**

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at <https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/> and include the following:

- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
- Policy 2.5.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty

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### **Course Changes:**

The College of the Rockies updates course outlines regularly to meet changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will notify students in writing of any updates to this outline during the semester. The instructor reserves the right to revise, add or delete

material while meeting the learning outcomes of this course outline.