



DENT-141 – Community Dental Health

Health and Human Services

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2026
Course Outline Review Date: 2031-04-01

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 Dental Assistant instructor. Licensed 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 Dental Assistant program.

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

Credit Type: College of the Rockies Credits

Credits: 3

Instructional Activity and Hours:

| Activity | Hours |
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| Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction | 42 |
| Seminar/Tutorials | |
| Laboratory/Studio | |
| Practicum/Field Experience | 3 |
| 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

Prior Learning and Recognition: No

Course Transfer Credit:

For information about receiving transfer credit for courses taken at either British Columbia or Alberta institutions, please see <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/> or <https://transferalberta.alberta.ca> . For more transfer credit information, please visit <https://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

All requests for course transfer credit from institutions in British Columbia or elsewhere should go to the College of the Rockies Enrolment Services office.

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:

Robinson, D.S. (2024). *Modern dental assisting* (14th ed.). Elsevier.

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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:

- approach community dental practice with a respect for the culture, traditions, and protocols of communities;
- 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 | 15% |
| Community Dental Presentation Planning Outline | 15% |
| Community Dental Presentations | 25% |
| Diet Analysis & Counseling | 15% |
| Final Exam – Unit 6 | 30% |
| Total | 100% |

Grade Scheme

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

An overall average of B- (70%) or higher is required to pass this course.

Evaluation Notes Comments:**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.

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 2.1.4 Course Audit
- Policy 2.4.1 Credential Framework
- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct
- Policy 2.4.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Feedback and Concerns
- Policy 2.4.11 Storage of Academic Works
- Policy 2.5.3 Student Appeal
- Policy 2.5.5 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

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.