

ALH A012: HEALTH OCCUPATIONS FOR DENTAL AND MEDICAL ASSISTING

Item	Value
Curriculum Committee Approval Date	11/16/2022
Top Code	120100 - Health Occupations, General
Units	.5 Total Units
Hours	9 Total Hours (Lecture Hours 9)
Total Outside of Class Hours	0
Course Credit Status	Credit: Degree Applicable (D)
Material Fee	No
Basic Skills	Not Basic Skills (N)
Repeatable	No
Open Entry/Open Exit	Yes
Grading Policy	Pass/No Pass (B)

Course Description

Introduction to the Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting programs at Orange Coast College. Presentations of Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting allied health program and School of Allied Health Professions application. This course will only address Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting. Required for admission to those allied health programs. Dental assisting and Medical Assisting. Will also accept ALH A010 in place of this course. Not Transferable.

Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

1. The student will be able to identify the allied health careers available at Orange Coast College including primary activities and attributes.

Course Objectives

- 1. Make informed decisions on career choices by procuring necessary information concerning various Allied Health careers offered at Orange Coast College. (SCANS: Thinking)
- 2. Explain and assist students with the application process to enter an allied health program at Orange Coast College.
- 3. Describe members of the health care team and primary activities provided by each member. (SCANS: Thinking)
- 4. State the requirements of clinical education in the health professions. (SCANS: Thinking)
- 5. State various types of employment trends and opportunities in health professions.
- 6. List positive attributes of health care professions. (SCANS: Thinking)
- 7. State concerns that may be adverse to entering a health care profession. (SCANS: Thinking)
- 8. List state and national requirements of various health professions.
- 9. Describe general issues of professional ethics, patient confidentiality and privacy rights. (SCANS: Thinking)
- 10. Review and understand the requirements for being licensed in the State of California for Dental and Medical Assisting

Lecture Content

Introduction to the School of Allied Health Professions Application process Folder Transcripts Assessment Career Planning Core curriculum Clinical requirements Sites and transportation Physical exam Lab requirements Immunizations Physical requirements Dress code CPR Hazards Blood borne pathogens Universal precautions Counseling Catalog AS Degree Required Catalog content, General Education Appointments and services, SEP Health career considerations Opportunities Equity Salary and benefits People orientation Mobility Career ladder Entry level Advanced opportunities Management/sales Specialty areas Application specialist Education Other applications Considerations Pathogens Stress Hours Patient conditions Health care trends Hospitals/HMO Home health care Out patient services Patient focused care Multitasking/crosstraining Employment Hospital/HMO/ Clinics Long term care facilities Physician offices Industry License Application Requirments Process Eligibility Career areas Dental Assisting Medical Assisting

Method(s) of Instruction

- Lecture (02)
- DE Live Online Lecture (02S)
- DE Online Lecture (02X)

Instructional Techniques

Lecture and application of ideas, lecturer feedback Video/CD/Internet

Reading Assignments

Common medical terminology used in Dental Assisting Common terminology used in Medical Assisting

Writing Assignments

Research the licenses for the Dental Board of California and Medical Assisting Board of California. Explain the process of licenses application and all State Boards that must be passed to work in the field as a Licensed Dental and Medical Assistant. (2 separate assignments: one for each profession) Explain the difference between a licensed and unlicensed Dental and Medical Assistant. Compare the pay to a licensed and unlicensed Medical and Dental Assistant (one for each profession) Write a brief autobiography incorporating application writing and concepts learned in class related to career choice. (assignment is NOT critiqued for grammar/spelling, only for degree of introspection) Read and understand the requirements for vaccines in the Allied Health Programs at Orange Coast College Acknowledge Quiz that this course only fulfills the ALH 012 for Medical and Dental Assisting

Out-of-class Assignments

Watch the day in a life of a Dental Assistant and write a summary of the video. Report the pros and cons that you are concerned about within the profession. Watch the day in a life of a Medical Assistant and write a summary of the video. Report the pros and cons that you are concerned about within the profession. Post to the discussion questions with your concerns for each profession. You must respond to 2 other classmates. 2.25 hours per week for an 8-week session

Demonstration of Critical Thinking

Student participation and decision making for program of choice. Differentiate between the licensed and unlicensed practitioner in medical assisting Differentiate between the licensed and unlicensed practitioner in dental assisting Pinpoint barriers into the field you may be faced with

Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration

Completion of student handouts and program application. Complete discussion in course. Complete research required and reported findings in each profession.

Eligible Disciplines

Dental technology (dental assisting, dental hygiene): Any bachelor's degree and two years of professional experience, or any associate degree and six years of professional experience. Health care ancillaries (medical assisting, hospice worker, home care aide...): Any bachelor's degree and two years of professional experience, or any associate degree and six years of professional experience.

Other Resources

1. Handouts and Web resources provided in class