

**College of San Mateo
Official Course Outline**

1. **COURSE ID:** DENT 751 **TITLE:** Dental Clinic
Units: 1.5 units **Hours/Semester:** 72.0-81.0 Lab hours
Method of Grading: Letter Grade Only
Prerequisite: Acceptance into the Dental Assisting Program

2. **COURSE DESIGNATION:**

Degree Credit
Transfer credit: none

3. **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**

Catalog Description:

This course is held at the University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry. The dental assisting students assist dental students at chairside. The student is able to apply previously taught chairside theory to practical experience while caring for the dental patient. (Fall only.)

4. **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME(S) (SLO'S):**

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will meet the following outcomes:

1. Demonstrate the ability to properly assist Dentist at chairside with variety of procedures.
2. Demonstrate the ability to match dental instruments with the specific dental procedure.
3. Demonstrate the ability to perform clinical charting with proper symbols.

5. **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES:**

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6. **COURSE CONTENT:**

Lab Content:

1. Four Handed Dentistry
 - A. Instrument exchange
 - B. Clock positions
 - C. DA position at chair
 - D. Responsibilities at the chair
 - E. Patient safety
 - F. Instrument identification
 - G. HVE placement
2. Specialty Areas of Practice at Clinic
 - A. Prosthodontics
 - B. Endodontics
 - C. Periodontics
 - D. Oral Surgery
 - E. Pedodontics
3. Materials Utilized at the Chair
 - A. Impression
 - B. Restorative
 - C. Tofflemire retainer
 - D. Cements
 - E. Bases
 - F. Liners
 - G. Instrumentation
4. Clinical Record
 - A. Health history
 - B. Clinical charting
 - C. Documentation page

- D. Periodontal charting
- 5. Patient Interaction-conversation
 - A. Professionalism
 - B. Written methods
 - C. Patient education
 - D. Ability to answer patient questions
 - E. Instill patient confidence

7. REPRESENTATIVE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

Typical methods of instruction may include:

- A. Lab
- B. Other (Specify): placement and supervision of students at the chair, hands on guidance during the procedure, demonstrations, group discussions, and assignment of procedures or observations needed to ensure a well-rounded clinical experience.

8. REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative assignments in this course may include, but are not limited to the following:

Writing Assignments:

Students will have a weekly report to do, describing the procedures they assisted with every day at the dental clinic. Each report contains, charting not only the procedure but the pertinent information as to who, what, when, where, and how the procedure was done. This report is 2-4 pages.

Other Outside Assignments:

Assist the dental students in a variety of dental procedures.

9. REPRESENTATIVE METHODS OF EVALUATION

Representative methods of evaluation may include:

- A. Class Participation
- B. Papers
- C. Weekly clinical lab reports depicting the experience at clinic that week before, performance at the chair, application of learned skills in a clinical situation, participation at a dental school, and final practical examination.

10. REPRESENTATIVE TEXT(S):

Possible textbooks include:

- A. Bird, D. and Robinson, D.. *Modern Dental Assisting Text and workbook*, 13th ed. Elsevier, 2021

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