

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
DNA 100 - INTRODUCTION TO ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS (1 CR.)**

Course Description

Provides an introduction to the oral health profession and covers basic terminology, historical perspective, the credentialing process, accreditation, professional organizations, and legal and ethical considerations. Lecture 1 hour per week.

General Course Purpose

This course explores the major historical events in dentistry. Other areas of study include: ethics and jurisprudence OSHA and HIPAA regulations, the state dental practice act, certification procedures, expanded functions for dental auxiliaries and an overview of the dental specialties.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisites: ENG 111, NAS 159, and SDV 101

Corequisites: DNA 108, DNA 110, DNA 113, DNA 134 and PSY 200

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- Describe the major developments concerning the history of dentistry
- Describe the role of the dental assistant and the dental health team
- Describe the education and certification/licensure requirements for the dental assistant and members of the dental health team
- Describe the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens, HIPAA and Hazard Communication Standards
- Describe the importance and methods used to label containers
- Describe the use and importance of material safety data sheets
- Describe the various classifications of waste management
- Describe the legal and ethical aspects of dentistry
- Describe and identify the categories of expanded functions delegated to dental assistants in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Describe the role of the dental assistant in specialized areas of dentistry

Major Topics To Be Included

- History of Dentistry
- The Dental Profession
- The Dental Assisting Profession
- Regulatory and Advisory Agencies
- OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard
- Hazard Communications Standard and Material Safety Data Sheets
- Waste Management and HIPAA Regulations
- Ethics and Jurisprudence
- State Practice Act
- Introduction to Specialized Areas in Dentistry