



INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

DHG 255

Clinical Dental Hygiene III

Fall 2023/Spring 2024/Summer 2024

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Part I: Course Information

Effective Term: 202310

COURSE PREFIX: DHG 255

CONTACT HOURS: 15

COURSE TITLE: Clinical Dental Hygiene III

CREDIT HOURS: 5

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

DHG 255 provides for the development of proficiency in the clinical dental hygiene setting with emphasis on the implementation of treatment plans to meet the individual patient's oral health needs. Students can hone their clinical skills in preparation for clinical boards the following semester.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

PREREQUISITES:

AHS 113 Head and Neck Anatomy
BIO 211 Anatomy Physiology II
BIO 225 Microbiology
DHG 125 Tooth Morphology and Histology
DHG 151 Dental Hygiene Principles
DHG 121 Dental Radiography
DHG 141 Periodontology
DHG 165 Clinical Dental Hygiene I
DHG 243 Nutrition
SPC 205 Public Speaking
DHG 175 Clinical Dental Hygiene II
DHG 239 Dental Assisting for Dental Hygienists
PSY 201 General Psychology

CO-REQUISITES:

DHG 140 General and Oral Pathology
DHG 143 Dental Pharmacology
DHG 230 Public Health Dentistry
DHG 241 Integrated Dental Hygiene I

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Please visit the [BOOKSTORE](#) online site for most current textbook information. Use the direct link below to find textbooks.

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's learning management system (LMS) used for course materials.

Access to myHGTC portal for student self-services.

College email access – this is the college's primary official form of communication.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to participate in a minimum of one (1) proctored assignments and/or one (1) virtual events to support student identification verifications. Please refer to your Instructor Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

Refer to the HGTC Dental Sciences Program Manual for additional policies on classroom etiquette.

Part II: Student Learning Outcomes

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS*:

1. Adhere to the *American Dental Hygienists' Professional Code of Ethics*.
2. Utilize critical analysis and problem-solving skills in the provision of dental hygiene care.
3. Respect the goals, values, beliefs, and preferences of the patient throughout treatment.
4. Utilize infection control protocols for prevention of disease transmission through demonstration of proper sterilization and disinfection methods, barrier techniques and maintenance of asepsis.
5. Perform to clinical competency the following assessment procedures:
 - Vital signs (taking, recording, and evaluating)
 - Medical and dental history
 - Extraoral and intraoral examinations
 - Dental and periodontal evaluations and chartings
 - Risk factor assessment
 - Gingival and plaque indices
 - Occlusal evaluations
 - Treatment plans for comprehensive dental hygiene care
 - Scaling & root planning
 - Coronal polishing
 - Dental Sealants
 - Placement of Arestin
 - Oral Health Education for each patient
 - Fluoride procedures for indicated patients
 - Comprehensive treatment plans for a child, adolescent, adult, and geriatric patient
 - Calculus detection
 - Ultrasonic instrumentation and Use of Air Polishing
6. Utilize proper dental hygiene care in providing total oral health care for the patient with special needs.

7. Prescribe the appropriate post-operative procedures and instructions for the patient.
8. Adequately document all treatment in the patient's chart.
9. Utilize the ultrasonic scaler and air polisher to clinical competency with reference to:
10. Demonstrate professionalism in working with peers, faculty, and patients.
11. Take diagnostically acceptable radiographs
12. Demonstrate proficiency in radiographic interpretation
13. Perform non-patient clinical assisting duties

*The TalEval program will be utilized to track classifications of patients for patient care categories (age), as well as periodontal and calculus skill levels. Students must be deemed competent on at least one patient in each age category and periodontal disease skill level to progress to the next semester.

To meet competence, students must successfully complete treatment within each patient care category and classification of periodontal disease without a critical error.

- o Critical errors are defined within TalEval as any error that compromises patient safety, patient-centered care, ethics, and professionalism.

****Students – please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

Part III: Grading and Assessment

EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS*

Students’ performance will be assessed, and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

EVALUATION*

Completion of 18 Clinical Patients	70%
Radiographic Interpretation	20%
CA/RA Duties	10 %
	100%

****Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information Sheet.***

GRADING SYSTEM:

A =90-100

B=80-89

C=77-79

D=70-76

F=69 or lower

*Students must pass with a 77% or higher to continue in the Dental Hygiene Program.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) for deadlines for add/drop. You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes in order to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 - Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student and a student may not be permitted to reenroll. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet. Refer to the HGTC Dental Sciences Program Manual for additional policies on attendance.**

For online and hybrid courses, check your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. Please note, instructors may require tests to be taken at approved testing sites, if you use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, the center may charge a fee for its services.

Part V: Student Resources



THE STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER (SSTC):

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Academic tutors** for most subject areas, **Writing Center support**, and **college success skills**.
2. Online **tutoring** and academic support resources.
3. Professional and interpersonal communication **coaching** in the EPIC Labs.

Visit the [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) website for more information. To schedule tutoring, contact the SSTC at sstc@hgtc.edu or self-schedule in the Penji iOS/Android app or at www.penjiapp.com. Email sstc@hgtc.edu or call SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455, or go to the [Online Resource Center](#) to access on-demand resources.



STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER: TECH Central

TECH Central offers to all students the following free resources:

1. **Getting around HGTC:** General information and guidance for enrollment, financial aid, registration, and payment plan support!
2. Use the [Online Resource Center \(ORC\)](#) including Office 365 support, password resets, and username information.
3. **In-person workshops, online tutorials and more services** are available in Desire2Learn, Student Portal, Degree Works, and Office 365.
4. **Chat with our staff on TECH Talk**, our live chat service. TECH Talk can be accessed on the student portal and on TECH Central's website, or by texting questions to (843) 375-8552.

Visit the [Tech Central](#) website for more information. Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. Or please call (843) 349 – TECH (8324), Option #1.



HGTC LIBRARY:

Each campus location has a library where HGTC students, faculty, and staff may check out materials with their HGTC ID. All three HGTC campus libraries are equipped with computers to support academic research and related school work; printing is available as well. Visit the [Library](#) website for more information or call (843) 349-5268.

STUDENT TESTING:

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course and in **make-up exam** situations may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L
- Test administered in writing on paper
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms (which may have a fee associated with the usage)

Furthermore, tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

DISABILITY SERVICES:

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to HGTC's [Accessibility and Disability Service webpage](#). The Accessibility and Disability staff will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

Horry-Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital or family status, veteran status, political ideas, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including, but not limited to, lactation in educational programs and/or activities.

TITLE IX REQUIREMENTS:

All students (as well as other persons) at Horry-Georgetown Technical College are protected by Title IX—regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, part- or full-time status, disability, race, or national origin—in all aspects of educational programs and activities. Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that he/she is or has been a victim of sexual harassment or sexual violence may file a report with the college's Chief Student Services Officer, campus law enforcement, or with the college's Title IX Coordinator or designee.

*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NON-DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX POLICIES:

Student and prospective student inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, Title VII, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Dr. Melissa Batten, VP Student Affairs

Title IX, Section 504, and Title II Coordinator

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Employee and applicant inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Vice President for Human Resources.

Jacquelyne Snyder, VP Human Resources

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer and Title IX Coordinator

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