COURSE TITLE: Ethics and Jurisprudence

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Covers the ethical and legal aspects of working in a dental office. With emphasis on the Minnesota Board of Dentistry rules, as well as the various professional organizations that dental assistants find beneficial.

1 Cr (1 lect/pres, 0 lab, 0 other)

Course Focus

Course provides thought provoking material depicting uncomfortable situations that students may possibly have to deal with in employment.

AUDIENCE: Students enrolled in the Dental Assisting Program or those preparing to take the Minnesota Board of Dentistry Jurisprudence Examination.

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (Leave blank if not applicable)

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PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE: High School Diploma

LENGTH OF COURSE: 1 semester

THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED:
Every other year ☐ fall ☐ spring x summer ☐ undetermined ☐

Four goals are emphasized in course at Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

1) ACADEMIC CONTENT: Minnesota Board of Dentistry rules and regulations. Patient safety and rights as they pertain to dental practice. Dental malpractice.
Legal and ethical obligations of staff to patients and compliance with pertinent professional situations.


3) COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS: Student improves communication skills in class. Student learns the importance of tactful, assertive and respectful communication with future patients.

4) HUMAN DIVERSITY: Student appreciates the differences in cultural and diverse patient population groups to enhance ethical and legal treatments in dental setting.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED: Basic Background of Law, Malpractice, and the Minnesota Board of Dentistry Rules and Regulations

LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:

1. distinguish national and state association duties
2. interpret dental profession laws
3. define jurisprudence law
4. describe malpractice causes
5. review dental code of ethics
6. describe State Board of Dentistry rules and regulations
7. distinguish unlicensed practice
8. list expanded functions
9. describe organization member advantages
10. read dental profession laws
11. define Licensed Dental Assistant duties
12. define Certified Dental Assistant duties
13. define dentist responsibilities to patients and employees
14. define disciplinary actions the board can take

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:

- [ ] Collaborative Learning  x Problem Solving
- x Student Presentations
- [ ] Creative Projects
- [ ] Lecture
- [ ] Demonstrations
- [ ] Lab

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:

- x Reading
- x Oral Presentations
- [ ] Textbook Problems
- x Group Problems
- [ ] Other (describe below)
- x Tests
- [ ] Worksheets
- [ ] Papers
- [ ] Term Paper
- [ ] Individual Projects
- [ ] Individual Coaching
- [ ] Interactive Lectures
- x Films/Videos/Slides
- [ ] Collaborative Projects
- [ ] Portfolio
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