

**Hagerstown Community College**  
**OFFICIAL COURSE SYLLABUS DOCUMENT**

**COURSE:** DHY 211 – Dental Hygiene Ethics and Jurisprudence

1 credit

**INSTRUCTOR:** Raychene Michaels RDH, MS

**SEMESTER/YEAR:** Spring 2016

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is designed for the dental hygiene student focusing on dental laws, regulations, jurisprudence and ethical decision making. Topics include discussions of ethical principles, theory, value, responsibility, justice and law. Other topics include examination of the dental practice act, dental practice code of ethics, and the professional relationship of a dental hygienist to dentist and patient. Total of 15 lecture hours. Prerequisites: DHY 201, DHY 202, DHY 203, DHY 204, DHY 205. Co-requisites: DHY 211, DHY 220, DHY 221.

**TEXTBOOK:**

Beemsterboer, Phyllis L. *Ethics and Law in Dental Hygiene*. St Louis: W.B. Saunders Co., 2010. ISBN: 978-1-4160-6235-6

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- Value professional traits as a dental hygienist and incorporate these traits into their professional lives
- Differentiate between unethical and unlawful behaviors that are found in a dental office
- Contribute to the development of individual students who are aware of and sensitized to ethical issues in the practice of dentistry.
- Stimulate moral obligation and personal responsibility to serve others including patients and the community at large.
- Reinforce oral health services, according to acceptable standards of care.
- Demonstrate integration of all the different elements that apply to the recognition, analysis and resolution of ethical problems.

**Total Hours of Coursework:**

To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

**ACCOUNTING FOR CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENT**

Assignment / Assessment	Clock Hours
Reading/ studying for lecture exams	2 exams x 15 hours = 30 hours
Case Study	30 hours

<b>Homework</b>	<b>11 assignments x 1 hour</b>
<b>Prepare for Comprehensive Final Exam</b>	<b>15 hours</b>
<b>Total out of class time</b>	<b>86 hours</b>