

	NHTI, Concord's Community College
	Dental Hygiene Refresher Course – BTC
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Syllabus

Course Description

This Dental Hygiene Refresher is a hybrid course designed to review dental hygiene theory and techniques. Current “best practices” will be introduced, but specialized procedures will not be covered in great detail and, in most cases, will require additional courses. The program satisfies the criteria of the *NH Board of Dental Examiners* for a mandated refresher course for hygienists seeking license reactivation.

The course is designed for dental hygienists who have been out of practice 15 years or less and are returning to the field, or for those who are practicing, but feel their skills need updating. The course includes an initial assessment of clinical skills to determine participant needs and appropriateness of this course. Standard techniques in oral care and trends in current dental hygiene treatment are covered. Participants will need to provide their own patients.

This course is not a preparation/review for the ADEX dental hygiene exam, but rather a tool to improve skills for success in preparing for the ADEX exam. Only the participant can determine if their preparation level is appropriate for the ADEX exam.

Prerequisites

Students in this course must provide proof of the following:

- Graduate from an accredited dental hygiene program (official transcript required)
- Current CPR certification for health care provider
- Current liability coverage (for more information about the school plan, contact the BTC office at 603-230-4022)
- Dental Hygiene license (copy of current, inactive or lapsed license required)

Also:

- Students must possess basic computer skills and be familiar with navigating websites for successful participation in the course.
- It is recommended that students contact their physician concerning any needed vaccinations or testing prior to starting the clinical portion of this course.

Canvas Student Orientation

If this is your first time using Canvas at CCSNH, please review the online student orientation. You will need a username and password to access the site

<https://ccsnh.instructure.com/courses/31125>

Available Technical Support

Frequently asked questions regarding Canvas Student Information System can be found clicking on the "Help" button in the bottom-right corner of the page and select the appropriate option from the menu.

Required Resources

Required Textbooks:

Fundamentals of Periodontal Instrumentation, Nield-Gehrig, 8th edition, 2019

Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist, Linda D. Boyd, RDH, RD, EdD; Lisa F. Mallonee, MPH, RDH, RD, LD; Charlotte J. Wyche, BSDH, MS; Jane F. Halaris, ASDH, MA 13th edition, 2021

Materials:

Students must provide an acceptable patient, uniform/scrubs, labcoat, safety glasses & proper clinic shoes. Gloves, masks, typodont, and instruments for on-site use will be provided by the college.

If needed, instruments may be available on a loaner basis (for additional fee).

Students will need a variety of Gracey currettes, scalers (universal, sickle) and a typodont to practice instrumentation prior to the clinical sessions to order to make the sessions more productive. the following link is typodont recommended. P15DP-TR56C (#1 Hygiene School Model) - pink model.

Link - <https://kilgoreinternational.com/product/dental-hygiene-models/>

Textbooks are available online at: <http://www.efollett.com> unless specified by your instructor.

- Under “Select your Bookstore”, choose “New Hampshire”
- Under “Select Your Institution”, choose the campus offering the course.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to verbalize and demonstrate methods of:

- Oral Hygiene Education
- Definitive Oral Prophylaxis
- Radiographic Techniques

Course objectives are met through didactic and clinical instruction which will introduce, update and review current techniques in the practice of dental hygiene. See Learning Modules on Canvas for specific module objectives.

Instructor’s Communication Policy

The best method of reaching course instructors is via their email addresses listed above. If you have questions regarding the content of the course, please e-mail the course instructors.

If you have questions/problems with this course, please call the Business Training Center (603)230-4022 or email the Dental Continuing Education Coordinator- BJ Brown ejbrown@ccsnh.edu.

Policies

Students registered for courses using Canvas must comply with all policies and guidelines (such as civil rights, disabilities services, harassment, and plagiarism) in the student handbook and other publications of the college offering the course. For more information, refer to: <https://www.nhti.edu/student-life/student-handbook>

Academic Honesty

Students shall abide by the academic honesty principles as defined in the Student Handbook of the college offering the course.

Netiquette

Students shall comply with [CCSNH Netiquette](http://www.ccsnh.edu/students/netiquette-at-ccsnh) as articulated on the system web site <http://www.ccsnh.edu/students/netiquette-at-ccsnh>

Assessment

Following an initial written (pretest) and clinical assessments, completion of the online didactic review is required followed by 12 hours of clinical instruction in instrumentation and radiographic techniques. A post-test is administered at the completion of the course.

This continuing education course is a pass/fail course. Upon successful completion of the online learning modules and clinical sessions of this course, participants will be awarded a certificate indicating completion of the refresher course and 20 Continuing Education Credits (CEUs). Participants may then be eligible to take the NERB exam and/or seek licensure, according to rules set forth by the *NH Board of Dental Examiners*. It is the student's responsibility to know the requirements for licensure reactivation in any and all states licensure is sought.

Course Structure and Content

The program is broken into the following three components and offers 20 CEUs:

1. On-line didactic review of theory (2 CEUs)*
2. Clinical review (18 CEUs)
 - 3 hour lab session (dental hygiene assessment case study, hand instruments and ultrasonic tips use on typodont)
 - 4 hour clinic session (dental hygiene assessment & radiographs on patient)
 - 2 hour radiology review session (radiology review on manikin)

*Students must plan to spend a minimum of 4 hours/week to complete online learning modules and practice on their typodont.

Course Schedule is located on Canvas under "Syllabus & Schedule" button

Additional Course Policies

1. Participants are required to complete an application and meet with the Professional Development Program Coordinator prior to enrolling in this course. Every effort will be made to explain requirements and determine the appropriateness of this program for participants.
2. The pretest and clinical assessment are designed to determine present skill level. Minimum levels of performance will be specified as a baseline for success in this program. Following the assessment, it may be determined that this program is not appropriate for the participant and a proper referral will be made. Participants will be provided information about the pretest and assessment prior to scheduling. Assessment fees are non-refundable.
3. This course is not a preparation/review for the ADEX dental hygiene exam, but rather a tool to improve skills for success in preparing for the ADEX exam. Only the participant can determine if their preparation level is appropriate for the ADEX. Participants who are taking the ADEX exam at NHTI will be required to take the ADEX Orientation course.

4. Additional course work may be required. If you did not take an expanded duty course for sealants or place sealants in hygiene school, you will need to take a sealant course. This applies to other functions as well (ie. administration or monitoring of N2O, in-office whitening, expanded orthodontic duties). This refresher course does not act as original certification, only review. For current laws regarding the practice of dental hygiene, refer to the dental practice act Chapter 317-A:21-c and 317-A:23, as well as Part DEN 302.05 and Part DEN 400 (Dental Assistants' and Hygienists' Duties) of the rules at the BODE website: <http://www.nh.gov/dental/>
5. Local anesthesia administration is allowable in NH by dental hygienists who complete a specific course, pass the NERB Local Anesthesia exam, and obtain a NH permit. Please refer to the rules at the link above for legal requirements.
6. This course is not a preparation/review for the ADEX or National Board exams, but rather a tool to improve skills for success in preparing for those exams. Only the participant can determine if their preparation level is appropriate for the ADEX or National exams. Participants who are taking the ADEX exam at NHTI will be required to take the ADEX Orientation course.

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