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Dental Hygiene Program Orientation

NORTHAMPTON
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A background image featuring dental hygiene items. On the right, a large, realistic white tooth model is in sharp focus. In the background, a stethoscope and a toothbrush are visible but blurred. The overall color palette is light blue and white.

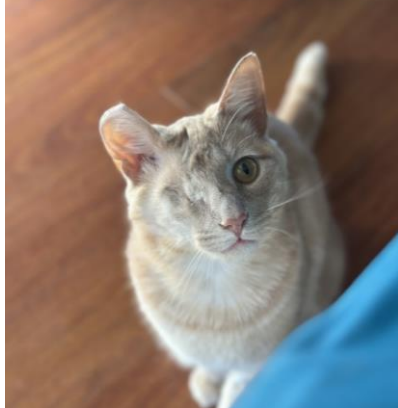
WELCOME DENTAL HYGIENE CLASS OF 2026!

Please "sign in" on the form provided.



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What are the professional roles of a dental hygienist?

Nobody has responded yet.

Hang tight! Responses are coming in.



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Professional Roles of a Hygienist

**The Dental Hygienist
The Best
Kept Secret in
Healthcare**





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AMERICAN
DENTAL HYGIENISTS'
ASSOCIATION™

100 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN ORAL HEALTH

Student Membership:
American Dental Hygienists' Association

Professionalism

What are some behaviors that demonstrate professional ethics and appropriate conduct?



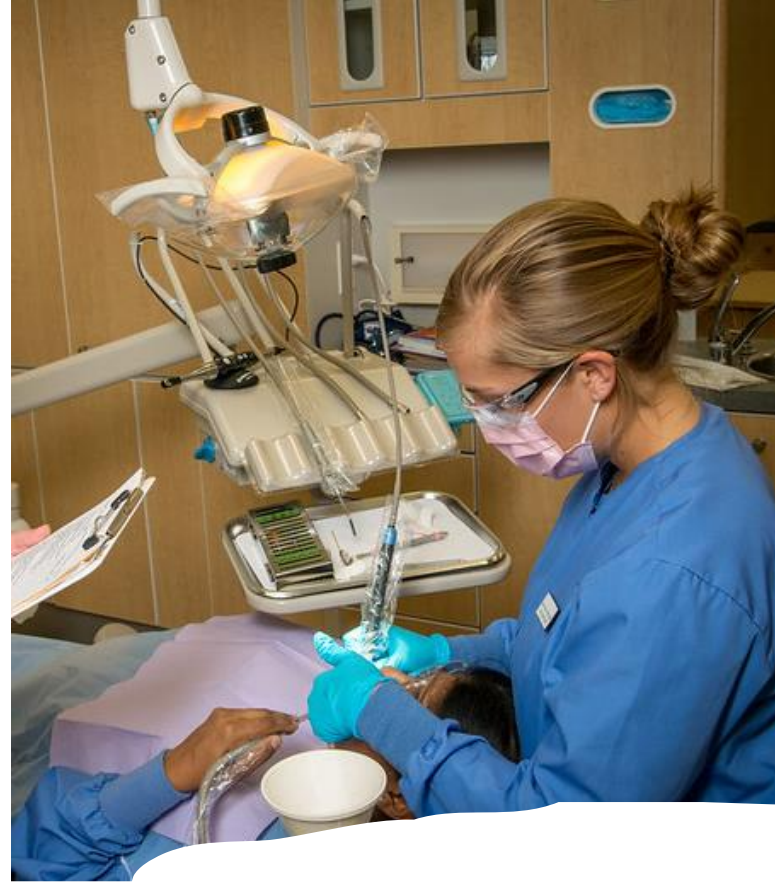
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Real Life Scenario:





Essential Functions to Ensure Patient Health and Safety



Dental Hygiene Program Overview

- 75 total credits
- Associate of Applied Science Degree
 - General Education
 - Biological Sciences
 - Dental Sciences
 - Dental Hygiene Theory & Practice

What to expect:
Before the start of the
program

Program Course Pre-requisites

- Have you taken Chemistry of Life (CHEM 135)?
- Have you taken English I (ENGL101C)?



FBI Criminal Background Check

PA Criminal History Record Check

Child Abuse Clearance

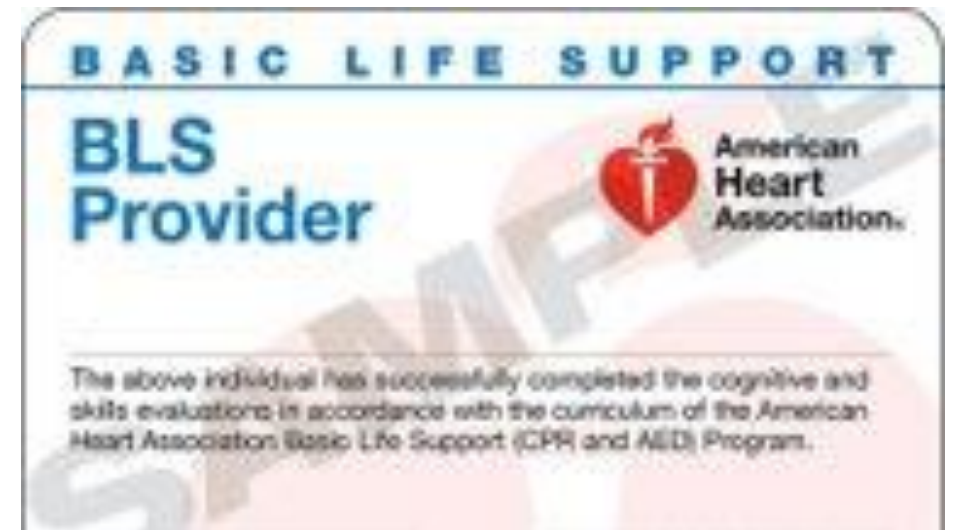
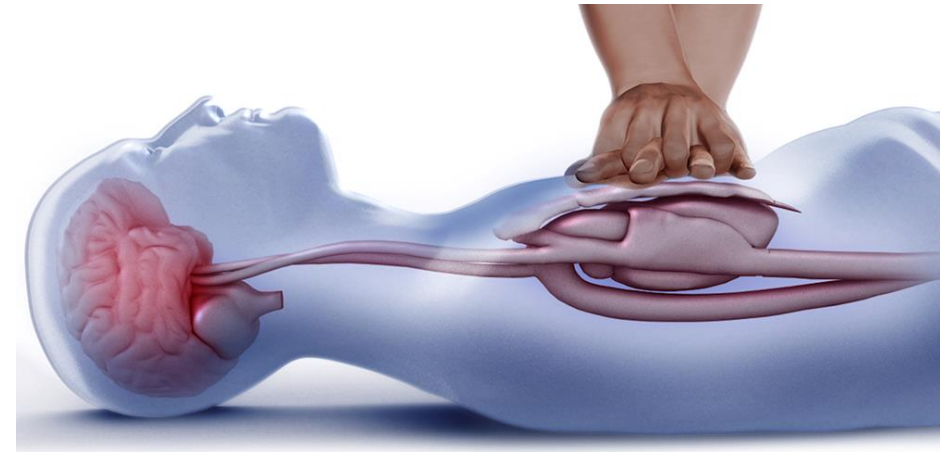
Due in myRecordtracker by June 30th



First Aid & CPR

- American Health Association- Sign up at lifelearn.northampton.edu
 - BLS for Healthcare Providers
 - Heartsaver First Aid
- American Health and Safety Institute
 - CPR for the Professional Rescuer
 - Basic First Aid
- American Red Cross
 - CPR for the Professional Rescuer
 - Standard First Aid

Due in myRecordtracker by August 19th



Health Requirements

- **HEALTH** Center will answer any questions regarding **HEALTH** requirements
- Vaccine Requirements

Due in myRecordtracker by July 31st



Oral Anatomy Prep: Module & Model Project

<https://northampton.coursearc.com/content/oral-anatomy-fall-2024/oral-anatomy-prep-2024/welcome-oral-anatomy/>

Navigation

- Welcome to Oral Anatomy!
- Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)
- Reading Assignments
- Key Terms
- Lecture Content
- Formative Learning Activities (non-graded)
- Graded Assignment
- Summary

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DENH 106
Oral Anatomy

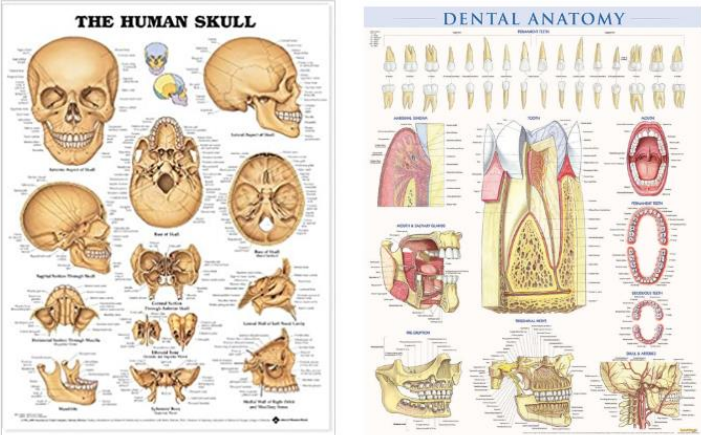
Pre-Anatomy: Overview of the Dentitions

Welcome to Oral Anatomy!

Welcome to the Dental Hygiene Program at Northampton Community College!

As a first-year dental hygiene student, you must add *new* dental terms to your vocabulary. This module was designed to be completed prior to start of the program to allow you the opportunity to study and become familiar with important dental terminology that will be used throughout your courses. As you navigate through each section of this module, please write down any questions you have, as we will discuss this module during the first week of class.

Best,
Mrs. Mitchell

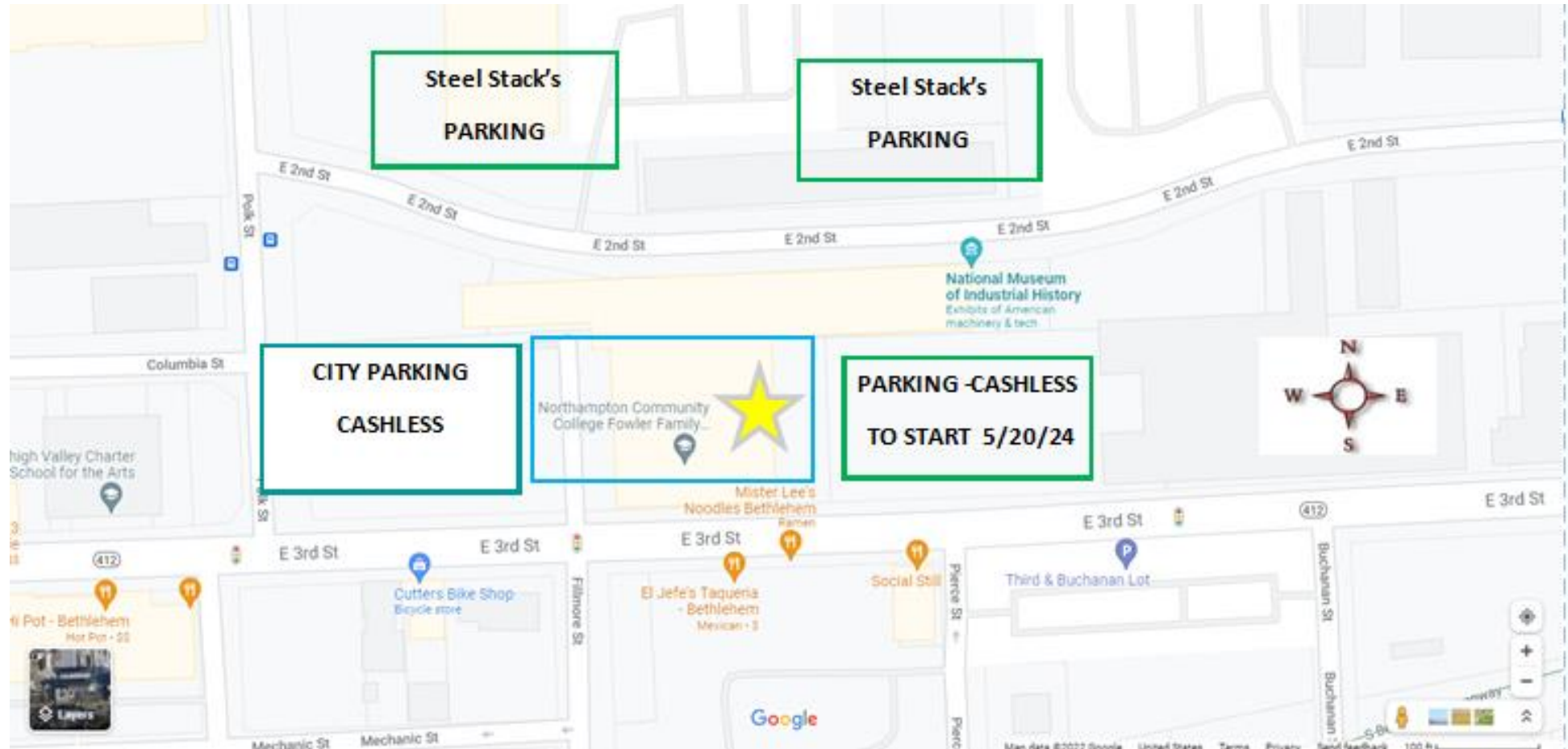


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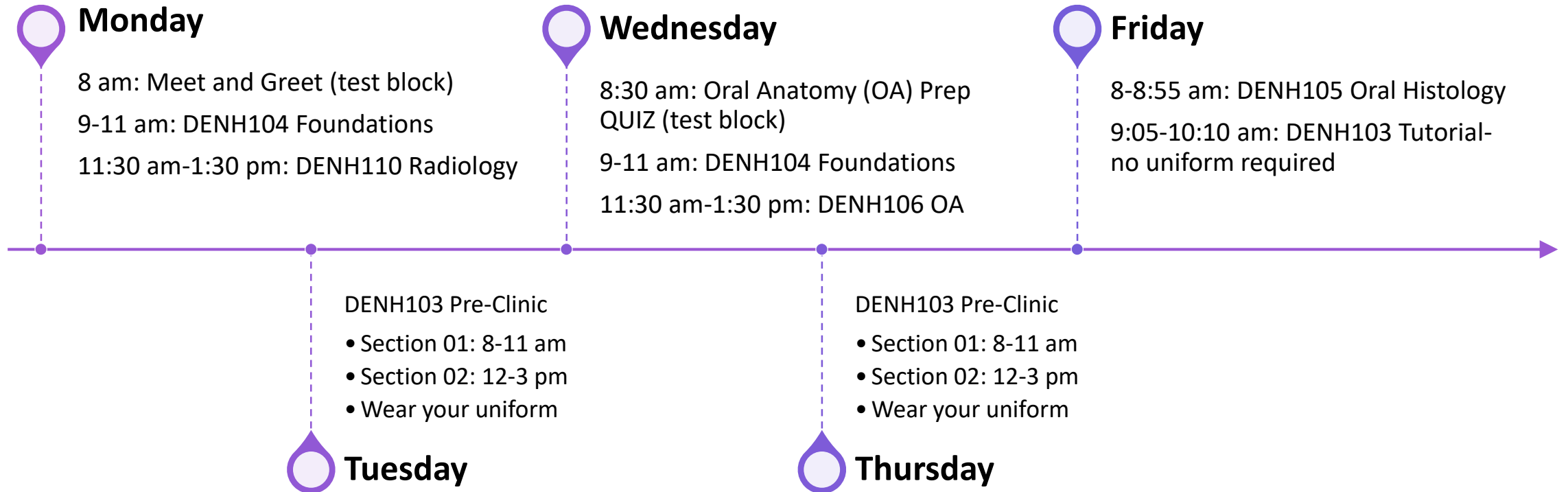
- August 26, 2024
- Classroom: Fowler 340
- 8-9 am: Meet and Greet
- 9-11 am: Foundations of POHS
- 11:30 am-1:30 pm: Radiology



Where should I park?



What to Expect: 1st Week



What should I expect my first semester?

- DENH103 (pre-clinic)
 - 01: T & TH 8-11 am
 - 02: T & TH 12-3 pm
 - 01/02: F Tutorial 9:05-10:10 am
- DENH104 M & W 9-11 am
- DENH105 F 8-8:55 am
- DENH106 W 11:30 am-1:30 pm
- DENH110 M 11:30 am-1:30 pm
- BIOS160 (Human Biology, if needed OR A&P II)
- Total = 14-16 credits

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
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2:00-2:30						
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Formula for Study/Prep Time

- 2-3 hours for every credit of class taken
- Example: 12 credits of DENH courses = 24-36 hours per week to study!



how to **SURVIVE** RDH SCHOOL

Brainstorm ways in which you plan to *professionally* manage the pressure and stress of dental hygiene school.

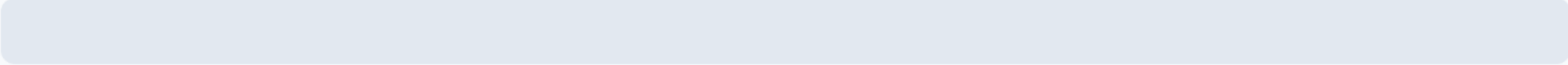
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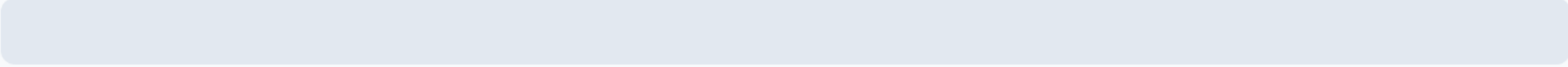
Is it advisable to work while in the dental hygiene program?

Yes



0%

No



0%





What to expect:
Didactic Coursework

1st Year Test Block

- Monday at 8:00-8:50 am
- Select Wednesdays at 8:00-8:50 am
- What if I miss a test?

What to expect: Didactic Coursework



All course content is presented in Blackboard



Varied learning experiences and assessment techniques

Experiential learning
Flipped learning
Case-based learning
Collaborative learning



Weighted course grades- to be determined by each faculty

Assignments
Do NOT lose valuable points!



3-4 term tests per course and a cumulative final exam

A black and white photograph of a desk. In the foreground, there is a dark, textured notebook with a small strap. To the right, a cylindrical mesh pencil holder is filled with several pencils. The background consists of vertical wooden planks. A white rectangular box with a thin black border is centered in the image, containing the word "Assignments" in a purple serif font. The box has a small downward-pointing triangle at its bottom center.

Assignments

Weighted Grades: Example

Type of Evaluation	Weight	Achievement of Program Competencies	Achievement of Course Goals
Term Test #1	15%	C3, CC1	1, 2, 3
Term Test # 2	15%	C3, CC1	1, 2, 3
Term Test #3	15%	C3, CC1	1, 2, 3
Term Test # 4	15%	C3, CC1	4
Homework Quizzes	10%	C3, CC1	1, 2, 3
Final Examination	20%	C3, CC1	1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	10%	C3, CC1	1, 2, 3, 4

What to expect: Didactic Coursework

100-93.3	A
93.2-90.0	A-
89.9-86.7	B+
86.6 - 83.3	B
83.2 - 80.0	B-
79.9 - 77.5	C+
77.4 - 75.0	C
≤74.9	F

Grading Policy:

All dental hygiene department tests, exams, quizzes, final grades, etc. Will be rounded up to one decimal place and will not be rounded up: **Example: 74.5% does not round up to a 75%.**

Grading Policy



- If you are unsuccessful with one DENH course you may repeat it when it is re-offered.
- Two unsuccessful courses will result in your permanent withdrawal from the Dental Hygiene Program.
- Can I re-apply in the future if I am unsuccessful with two courses?



**Early is on time.
On time is late.
Late is
unacceptable.**

Attendance Policy

- A student who misses more than twice the number of weekly meetings of the class will be withdrawn by the course instructor.
- Tardiness: 2 lates (or leaving early) = 1 missed class

Resources for Didactic Success



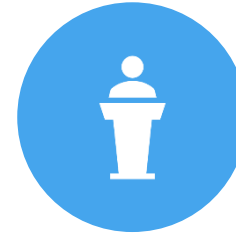
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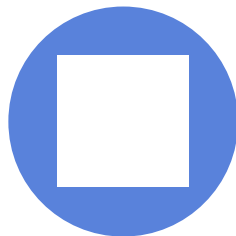
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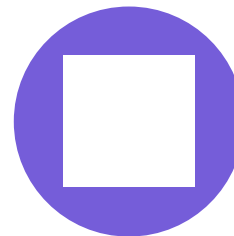
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LIBRARY



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What to Expect: Clinical Coursework

DENH103: Pre-Clinical Lab

- Section 01: Tuesday & Thursday (8-11 am)
- Section 02: Tuesday & Thursday (12-3 pm)
- Sections 01/02: Fridays (9:05-10:10) (NO uniform)
- Be prepared to enter the clinic **15 minutes** prior to the start of the lab to set up.
- You will work on your typodonts and your peers this semester
- Pass/Fail
- 1 Required Saturday Clinic: Client experience at the end of the semester- close friend or family recommended



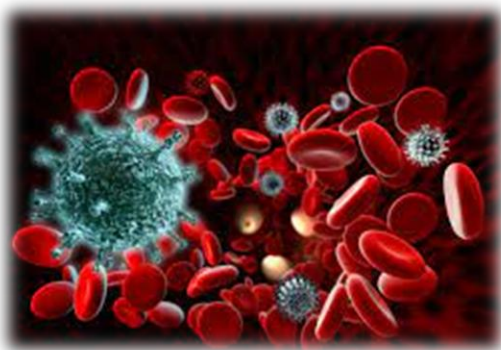


Required Supplies

- Safety glasses w/ side shields
- Patient safety glasses
- Standard blood pressure kit (manual)
- Plastic portable box
- Acidental Typodont w/ cheeks

Why do we care about having a dress code and PPE?

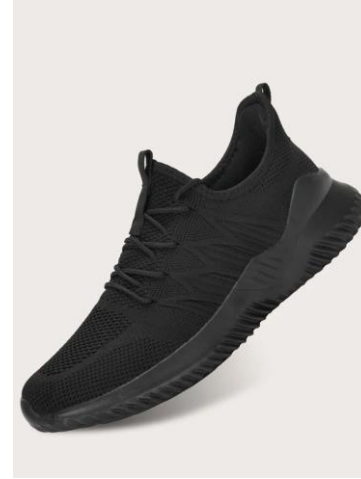
The dental hygiene program policies on communicable and bloodborne infectious diseases is available upon request and will be reviewed during DENH103 & 104.



Clinical Dress Code

Eggplant or **Black** scrubs
must be ordered from
Uniformadvantage.com





Clinical Dress Code

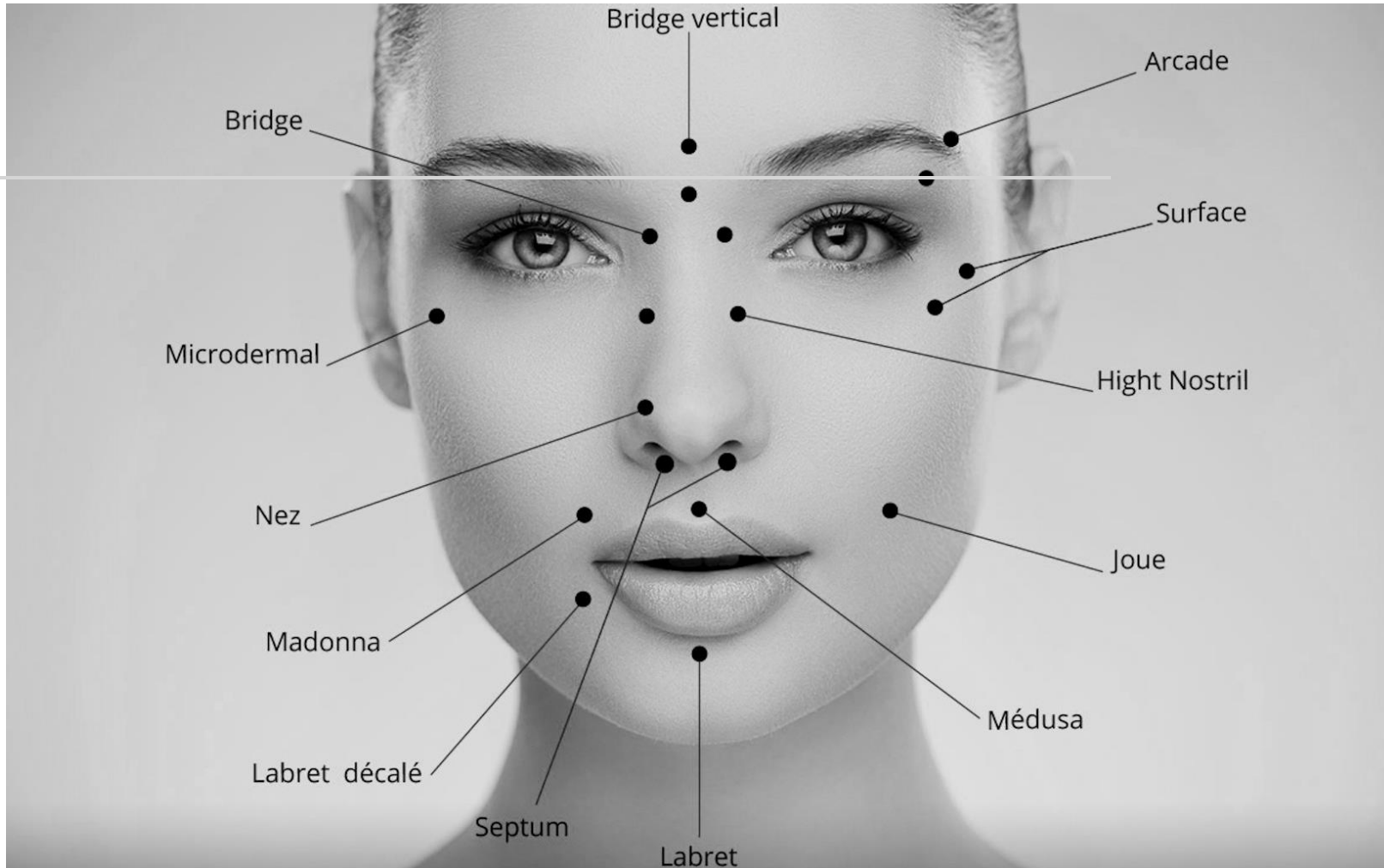
- Solid white or black shoes
- Socks above the ankle (no skin visible)







Facial Piercings and False Eyelashes are NOT Permitted



Nail Hygiene

MAINTAINING HEALTHY FINGERNAILS
IS KEY TO REDUCING MICROBIAL
TRANSMISSION IN THE DENTAL SETTING.

By Kimberly A. Erdman, RDH, PHDHP



https://www.cdc.gov/HandHygiene/download/hand_hygiene_core.pdf



Are dental hygienists allowed to have tattoos?

Dental hygienists with large visible tattoos were perceived as significantly less professional, and patients were less likely to refer patients to the practice or return for visits. However, as with the Quiros study, the dental hygienists with no tattoos scored the most favorable in all attributes evaluated .

Jul 13, 2017

<https://dimensionsofdentalhygiene.com/article/tattoos-in-the-dental-setting/>

Clinical Dress Code

Required PPE

- Hair covering: optional
- Cover gown: provided
- Scrub jacket: optional
- Safety glasses w/ side shields
- N95 respirator OR Level 3 mask w/ Face shield: provided
- Nitrile gloves: provided



Real Life Scenario: Image

You're in clinic setting up for your session. Your faculty member reminds you that you are wearing excessive jewelry and asks that it be removed.

- Do you resist her request?
- Do you grudgingly remove it and complain about her to your friends?
- Why or why not?
- What might you do to not have this occur again?



What to Expect: Clinical Coursework

Clinic 1- 2nd Semester:

- Section 01: Tuesday & Thursday (8 am-12 pm)
- Section 02: Tuesday & Thursday (1-5 pm)
- Sections 01/02: Tutorial, Friday (11:10 am-12:15 pm)
- You will be required to recruit a minimum of 8 patients, including a child, adolescent, and geriatric patient.

Clinic 2 & 3 – 2nd Year

- Section 01: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (8 am-12 pm)
- Section 02: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (1-5 pm)
- You will be required to continue to recruit patients.
- You will also be scheduled with community patients and provide their care.



Patient care

- Saliva
- Blood
- Suppuration
- Hard deposits (calculus)
- Soft deposits (plaque biofilm)
- Oral lesions/pathology



Clinical and Community Partnerships

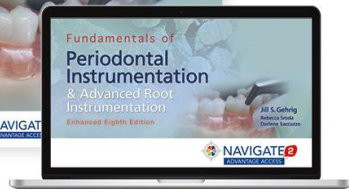
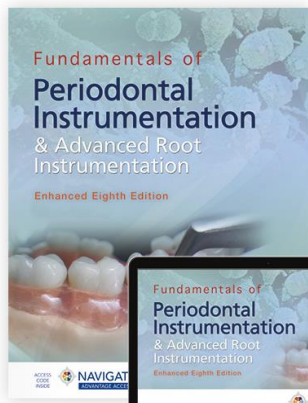


Serving the Community

- Mission of Mercy
 - June 21-22 in Reading, PA
 - Volunteers are still needed
 - See flyer in handout for sign-up information
- SMILE Saturday
- Children's Dental Health Month School Presentations
- Head Start Programs
- Service-Learning Projects w/ Local Non-profit Organizations



Clinical Success

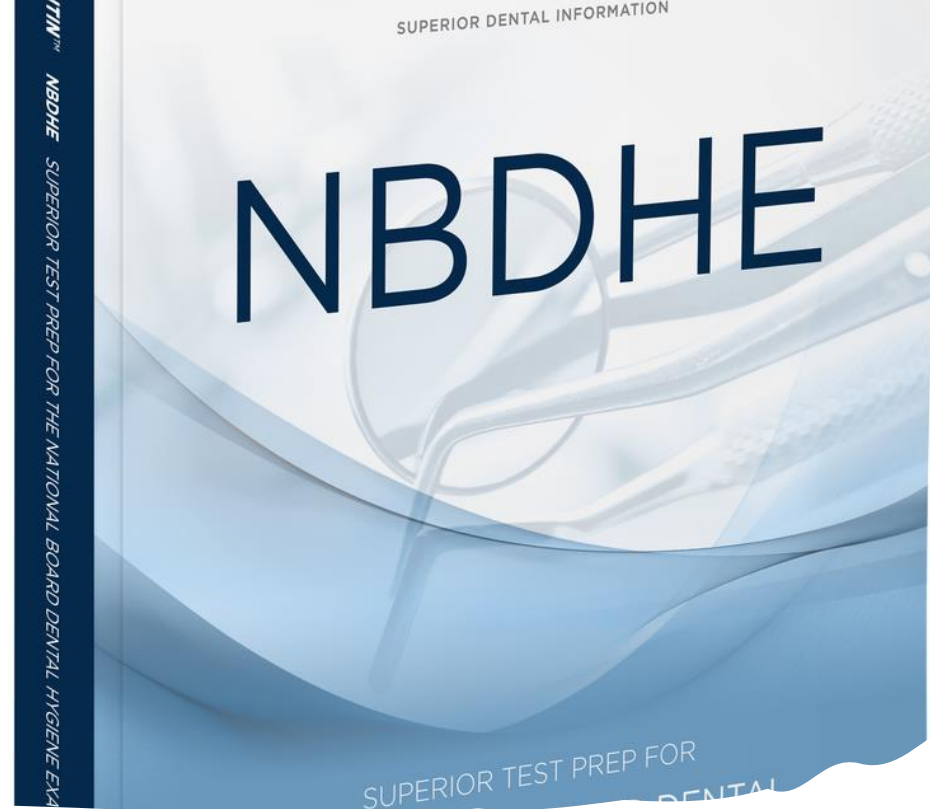


PLAN
PREPARE
PRACTICE
PERFORM

What to expect:
Upon completion of the DH
program



ADEX
Dental Hygiene
Simulated Patient
Manikin Treatment
Examination




Dental Hygiene
Board Exams



Pinning Ceremony & Graduation



Licensure and Practice




A dream doesn't become
reality through magic; it
takes sweat, determination
and hard work

Colin Powell

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The only difference
between dreams and
achievements is
hard work

Chris Bollwage

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Turn your
dreams into
reality!



- After reviewing various roles of a dental hygienist, where do you see yourself in:
 - One year
 - Two Years
 - Five years
 - Ten years
- What is your level of determination?
- What are you willing to sacrifice to turn your dreams into reality? What are you not willing to sacrifice?

Thank You

For attending the Orientation Session

Your participation is what make us Successful

11/15/2023 10:00 AM

Questions?



Regarding the Dental Hygiene Program, contact Sherri Meyers at smeyers@northampton.edu



Regarding myRecordTracker, contact certiphi at 888-291-1369, ext 2006



Regarding your student email, contact Helpdesk at helpdesk@Northampton.edu OR 610-861-5413



Regarding your health requirements, contact the Health Center at 610-861-5365



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