

Community Dental Health Certificate

Certificate Number 90-508-1

Description:

The Community Dental Health Certificate (CDHC) is designed for dental hygienists, dentists and unlicensed individuals who currently work with a dental public health program. The certificate is offered entirely online with no expectation for the learner to attend on-campus sessions. Frequent communication through Internet contact and conference calls is facilitated between the learner and instructors. The four three-credit courses are created in an asynchronous format, meaning that class work is done at the convenience of the learner within the registered semester. The four courses are arranged in a semi-sequential order allowing the learner to build on previously learned principles.

Requirements for Certificate Entry:

- Applicants must complete and submit a certificate enrollment form.
- Applicants must be registered dental hygienists, certified/licensed dental assistants, dentists, or employed with a dental public health program. Other interested applicants must request permission of entry through the Health Sciences Department.

Certificate Completers Will be Able to:

- Differentiate public health principles from private practice principles.
- Conduct a community oral health needs assessment.
- Recognize issues that affect oral health public policy.
- Collaborate with a diverse pool of partners.
- Incorporate cultural competence as it relates to public health programming.
- Identify potential funding sources for public health programming.
- Plan a community oral health program.
- Communicate effectively in all aspects of dental public health.

Curriculum

CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION	CREDITS
10-508-180 <i>Offered in: Fall 2008</i>	Public Health-Basic Principles... history of public health, epidemiology, and biostatistics, community assessment, public health policy and services available.	3
10-508-183 <i>Offered in: Fall 2008</i>	Public Health-Communication... business procedures, written communications, oral communications, cultural competence, curriculum, teaching skills, multi-media and document programs. (Prerequisite: 10-508-180, Public Health-Basic Principles)	3
10-508-182 <i>Offered in: Spring 2009</i>	Public Health-Dental Programs... community and health survey, funding sources, survey data, community oral health program, coordination of programs, and program appraisal. (Prerequisite: 10-508-180, Public Health-Basic Principles)	3
10-508-181 <i>Offered in: Spring 2009</i>	Public Health-Dental Principles... history of dental public health, oral epidemiological principles, community oral health needs assessment, public oral health policy, availability of public oral health services, professional development resources, and professional resources evaluation. (Prerequisite: 10-508-180, Public Health-Basic Principles)	3
<i>Certificate Total</i>		12

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