

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: DNA 100

Credits: 1

Course Title: Introduction to Oral Health Professions

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)

Provides an introduction to the oral health profession and covers basic terminology, historical perspective, the credentialing process, accreditation, professional organizations, and legal and ethical considerations. Lecture 1 hour per week.

General Course Purpose

DNA 100 is designed to provide information about the student's career choice. It will introduce the students to many aspects of the profession of dentistry.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisite or Corequisite: Completion of courses required in the Pre-Dental Assisting Career Studies Certificate

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Identify historical figures who made important contributions to dentistry
- b. Describe the roles of the assistant
- c. Explain the education and licensure requirements of the dentist and hygienist
- d. Identify the dental specialties
- e. Explain the education and credentialing of the assistant and lab technician
- f. Discuss the professional organizations
- g. Describe the model for ethical decision making
- h. Explain the difference between ethics and the law
- i. Describe the state dental board and the dental practice act
- j. Discuss abandonment, due care, omission and commission
- k. Explain the difference between expressed and implied consent
- l. Demonstrate how to correct a chart entry
- m. Discuss the ownership of records and radiographs

Major Topics to be Included

- a. History of Dentistry
- b. The Professional Dental Assistant
- c. Regulatory and Advisory Agencies
- d. The Dental Health Care Team
- e. Dental Ethics
- f. Dentistry and the Law

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date, Year): February 12, 2009