

**ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE
DEH 2702C – Community Dental Health Practicum Jamaica**

TERM: Session: Fall

Credit: 1 HOUR

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COMMUNICATING WITH THE INSTRUCTOR: E-mail is the most effective way to communicate with me. Please allow at least 24 hours for a response to your e-mail, 48 hours on weekends.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT:

Faculty: Amy Krueger MSHA BSDH CRDH

Program Director: Barbara Mulholland MSDH BSDH CRDH

COURSE INFORMATION:

SPC School of Dental Hygiene Competencies: This course will address the following SPC School of Dental Hygiene Competencies:

1. Apply ethical reasoning to patient care and comply with state and federal laws governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.
2. Use screening, referral and education to bring consumers into the health care delivery system by assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating dental hygiene treatment and community programs.
3. Provide comprehensive dental hygiene care by applying basic and advanced principles of dental hygiene
5. Assume the roles of the profession (clinician, educator, researcher, public health, corporate, administrator and entrepreneur) as defined by the ADHA and advance the profession through leadership, service activities and affiliation with professional organizations.
6. Commit to self-assessment and life-long learning in order to provide quality care.

Course Description: Prerequisites: DEH 1800 with a grade of "C" or better and DEH 1800L with a grade of "C" or better. This course is designed to expand students' knowledge of dental hygiene practice including special needs patients, expanding functions and various adjunctive services. 32 contact hours.

Learning Outcomes and Objectives:

1. The student will demonstrate the ability to assess and plan population-based activities to prevent disease and promote health in a community-based oral health program or programs by:

- a. assessing and identifying a target population and determining its oral health needs.
- b. planning a program to meet the oral health needs of the target population while promoting oral health
- c. implementing the program in the target population. (intra/oral exams, medical histories, scaling, educating, anesthesia polish, sealants & Fluoride)
- d. evaluating the program through an established mechanism that demonstrates if the program meets the identified oral needs of the target population.

2. The student will demonstrate the ability to implement and evaluate community-based oral health programs to various target populations utilizing appropriate educational methods and preventive services by:

- a. utilizing community dental public health principles in the program implementation and evaluation.
- b. utilizing appropriate communication skills including visual aids to the target population.
- c. utilizing appropriate educational principles to the target population.
- d. assessing the target population's current oral health knowledge and abilities by identifying strengths, weaknesses and plausible alternatives.

3. The student will describe the different teaching methods and learning styles appropriate for various target groups by:

- a. comparing and contrasting the adult learner with the child learner.
- b. utilizing the teaching strategies most effective for the various populations

Prerequisites: Prerequisites or co-requisite: DEH 2701 with a grade of "C" or better.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND OTHER RESOURCE INFORMATION:

Nathe, C. N. (2016). *Dental public health and research* (4th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson. ISBN-13: 978-01340255460

Course Packet specific to this course is available at the HEC Bookstore.

Course Material located online in SPC LMS and distributed from instructor

Library Information: <http://www.spcollege.edu/libraries/>

MEETING INFORMATION: Course location – SPC HEC and Jamaica MANDATORY MEETING DAYS: Monday

IMPORTANT DATES:

COURSE DATES: August 17, 2026- Dec. 1, 2026, See Course Schedule

Jamaica In country Actual Experience: October 24, 2026- November 2, 2026

FINANCIAL AID: <http://www.spcollege.edu/getfunds/>

SPC STUDENT INFORMATION: <http://www.spcollege.edu/pages/dynamic.aspx?id=588>

STUDENTS RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES: <http://www.spcollege.edu/studentrights/>

DISCIPLINE INFORMATION: Please refer to the Program Manual for detailed SPC School of Dental Hygiene Policies

CLASSROOM DECORUM: (When applicable)

As a student of the SPC School of Dental Hygiene, you are required to abide by the School of Dental Hygiene Policies and Regulations in the Program Manual. Classes will be conducted in accordance with the policies stated in the SPC Student Code of Conduct. Neither acts of academic misconduct nor inappropriate behavior in any form will be tolerated at St. Petersburg College. The official college policy is enumerated in BOT Rule 6Hx23-4.461 (STUDENT AFFAIRS: ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICIES).

Cheating on quizzes and exams will not be tolerated - should this occur, you will be asked to leave the classroom immediately and the stated attendance policies will be in effect. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. The use of ideas which you have paraphrased without proper citation is a form of plagiarism. If caught, the offending students will be given a grade of "0" for the assignment and the assignment cannot be made up.

Each student's behavior in the classroom or online is expected to contribute to a positive learning/teaching environment, respecting the rights of others and their opportunity to learn. No student has the right to interfere with the teaching/learning process, including the posting of inappropriate materials on chatroom or Web page sites.

The instructor has the authority to ask a disruptive student to leave a classroom or lab. The instructor may

also delete posts or materials from an online or blended class and/or take disciplinary action if disruptive behavior continues.

Participation grade criteria: to receive full credit each student must:

- access the SPC LMS for class notes and information, prior to each class session/meeting and activity
- commit to scholarly participation in the discussions in class, online and out in the community.
- complete and participate in planning and development of all fundraisers, in country community service activities, experience program video presentation, blogging, completing course data collection workbook and attending all meetings
- Students will complete through assessments including but not limited to medical history, intra/extra oral exam, assessing or oral cancer on all patients. They will provide thorough scaling of debris, education, anesthesia, polishing, sealants and fluoride (based on country's ministry of Health's allowance)
- You may expect your instructor to be available during office hours prior to departure and available 24 hours a day in country for an emergency. I will try to answer email within 24 hours Monday-Thursday and within 48 hours Friday-Sunday. The Course instructor will be available and will be participating alongside you while in country. All evening meals will be eaten together as a SPC group dinner.

ELECTRONIC PROTOCOL:

No recording, videotaping, photographs or any other form of capturing of a lecture/lab/presentation/clinical and patient experience is allowed without permission from the SPC or Jamaican faculty, the patient, Sandals and/or Great Shape! Inc.

All electronic devices including computers, cell phones, beepers, pagers, and related devices are to be silenced and/or turned off unless they are required for academic purposes. Any use of these devices (including texting) for non-academic purposes is a violation of College Policy and subject to disciplinary action.

Students may be required to have discussions of class assignments and share papers and other class materials with instructors and classmates via chat rooms and other mechanisms. Due to the potential piracy of students' materials, the College is not responsible for student work posted on the Internet (outside of the college's Learning Management System, currently MyCourses).

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION RULES:

1. Students must attend all preparatory meetings, location (Jamaica) meetings and post experience meetings, all organized work sessions, fundraising, collecting and shipping of supplies in preparation for the course. They must be on time and an attentive active participant.
2. Students will check out equipment and be responsible to return all equipment back to SPC in organized fashion upon returning from program.
3. Students **MUST** attend all daily meetings, clinic days, school, staff clinic and all other activities including every dinner with SPC team while in Jamaica. Should students not be able to be present and on time they must notify Mrs. Krueger in her room or on her personal phone **PRIOR** to being late or **ten points** will be deducted off the student's final grade. Any student not being able to participate must have an extenuating circumstance such as a confirmed illness otherwise the student will be immediately dismissed from the program and sent home resulting in a zero for the course. During all activities and meetings students must be on time but also **MUST BE ATTENTIVE** and participate and stay until work is done.
4. The course will be conducted in accordance with acceptable behavior as described in the SPC guidelines, protocols and rules along with the Dental Hygiene Program Manual.
5. Students **will be respectful and professional** to instructor, fellow classmates, Jamaican people, other professional volunteers, the Great Shapes and Sandals personnel **at all times**.
6. Students will provide the utmost quality of care to each patient encounter.

7. Students will follow all SPC International Guidelines, Rules and Regulations.
8. Students **will never leave** the assigned Jamaican property unescorted, by themselves and or without permission from SPC faculty. Student will **always** travel about the resort and clinical property with at least one other SPC person. If you need to go somewhere your course instructor **MUST** be notified **PRIOR** to you going anywhere.
9. There will be no inappropriate talking, use of language and/or sleeping or leaving during class or in Jamaica when expected to be working.
10. There will be no reading, being on your cell phone or doing things other than course material during meetings, class, fundraising or in country activities.
11. Will attend and participate in all fundraising activities
12. Will organize and lead one fundraiser
13. Will be a team player and flexible when asked to do something by instructor or Great Shaper personnel.

Any deviation from the above rules will result in the student being asked to leave the classroom, a meeting, fundraiser and/or the country immediately. This will count at a minimum as an absence and could result in immediate dismissal from the course and program based on the behavior.

GRADING/CRITERIA PERFORMANCE STANDARD:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will, with minimum 75% accuracy, demonstrate mastery of each of the above stated objectives through classroom measures developed by the individual course instructors.

The final grade for the course is based on completion of all components of the course. A letter grade will be computed as follows: A 93-100; B 84-92; C 75-83; F below 75. A minimum grade of "C" is required to continue in the Dental Hygiene Program.

COURSE SCHEDULE & ASSIGNMENTS: See [Course Schedule](#) and [Assignments](#) in the Course Information section in the SPC LMS system.

PORTFOLIO ASSIGNMENT:

As part of the requirements for graduation from the St. Petersburg College School of Dental Hygiene, each student must submit a completed portfolio of the accomplishments made as a student in the Program.

COURSE ASSESSMENT

METHOD	% OF FINAL GRADE
GROUP/TEAM ASSIGNMENTS • Prep Work: FUNDRAISING, Collecting Supplies and packing them to go to Jamaica • Preparing dental instruments (sharpening packaging etc.) • Journaling hours of pre-activity participation • Returning of Supplies to SPC & Organizing closet	35%
SPECIAL PROJECT IN JAMAICA COMMUNITY • Participation in set up/break down of clinics • Attends all meetings in Jamaica • Educates and provides dental hygiene care daily • Attends nightly dinners • Works when and where asked and stays until work complete • Follow School protocols, guidelines and rules	30%
IN COUNTRY DATA: DUE with in one week upon returning	

• Daily Journal • Data Collection • Assessment • Patient & Financial Tally • CDT forms	25%
PRESENTATION and SPC blogging	10%
TOTAL	100%

JURY DUTY:

If the student receives notification of jury duty, they must notify the Program Director immediately upon receiving such a request so that the Program Director can assist the student in responding to the notice. If the student is selected for jury duty, quizzes and exams may be made up. It is the responsibility of the student to provide the Program Director with frequent updates, daily, if possible, of when return is anticipated. Official documentation of the term of jury duty is required upon return to the Program.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

When an emergency signal sounds students should exit the nearest doors and advance, in an orderly manner, to an area 100 feet away from the building, behind the red line. If a student has special needs that would require help in evacuating the building that information should be given to the instructor at the beginning of the semester as well as at the time of the need to evacuate so help can be provided.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

St. Petersburg College recognizes the importance of equal access for all students. Accessibility Services is the campus office that works with students who have disabilities to provide and/or arrange reasonable accommodations. Students registered with Accessibility Services, who have a letter requesting accommodations, are encouraged to contact the instructor early in the semester. Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g. learning disability, ADD/ADHD, psychiatric, medical/orthopedic, vision, and/or hearing), are invited to contact Accessibility Services for a confidential discussion at 727-341-3721 (V/TTY) or at silvers.stefanie@spcollege.edu. Additional information is available at the college-wide Accessibility Services website: <http://www.spcollege.edu/accessibility/>

ACADEMIC HONESTY: <http://www.spcollege.edu/academichonesty/>

It is your responsibility to be familiar with St. Petersburg College's Academic Honesty policies and the consequences of violations. There is no tolerance for any form of academic dishonesty. Discipline can range from a zero on a specific assignment to expulsion from the class with a grade of "F". Note that copying/pasting published information without citing your sources, whether the information is from your textbook or the Internet is plagiarism and violates this policy. Even if you slightly change the words from an outside source, the ideas are someone else's so you still have to cite your sources. Cheating, plagiarism, bribery, misrepresentation, conspiracy, and fabrication are defined in Board Rule 6Hx23-4.461.

STUDENT SURVEY OF INSTRUCTION:

The student survey of instruction is administered in courses each semester. It is designed to improve the quality of instruction at St Petersburg College. All student responses are confidential and anonymous and will be used solely for the purpose of performance improvement.