### Course Syllabus

**Course Title:** Principles of Radiation for the Dental Assistant  
**Department:** BCAHM (Biology, Chemistry, Allied Health, Medical)  
**Curriculum:** Dental Assisting  
**Date submitted:** November 2018 (AAC: 18-80)

**Course Code:** DAS*148  
**Course Type:** D/L

**Elective Type:** G

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Lecture:** 3  
**Clinical:** 0  
**Lab:** 0  
**Studio:** 0  
**Other:** 0  
**TOTAL:** 3

**Class Maximum:** 24  
**Semesters Offered:** F

**Catalog Course Description:** Focuses on the foundations of radiography, radiographic equipment and safety. Legal issues, quality assurance and infection prevention is also emphasized.

**Prerequisites:**  
Dental Assisting Research Seminar (DAS*142)

**Corequisites:**  
Matriculation in the Dental Assisting Program

**Other Requirements:**  
Current BLS/CPR for Health Care Professionals and First Aid Certification through a Dental Assisting National Board approved provider

**Course Descriptors:**  
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**Course Type:**  
- A: Clinical  
- B: Lab  
- D: Distance Learning  
- I: Individual/Independent  
- L: Lecture  
- N: Internship  
- M: Seminar  
- P: Practicum  
- U: Studio  
- X: Combined Lecture/Lab  
- Y: Combined Lecture/Studio

**Elective Type:**  
- AH: Art History  
- E: English  
- FA: Fine Arts  
- G: General  
- HI: History  
- HU: Humanities  
- LA: Liberal Arts  
- FL: Foreign Language  
- M: Math  
- S: Science  
- SS: Social Science

**Semesters Offered:** F

**Topical Outline:**  
List course content in outline format.

1. Radiation history and radiology physics.  
2. Radiation characteristics  
3. The dental X-ray machine  
4. X-ray production  
5. Principles of image production  
6. Types of radiation  
7. Characteristics of X-ray beam  
8. Radiation Biology (effects, measurement & safety)  
9. Radiation protection and quality assurance  
10. Radiographic identification of basic anatomic structures
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#### Outcomes:
Describe measurable skills or knowledge that students should be able to demonstrate as evidence that they have mastered the course content.

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to do the following:

1. explain ideal radiographic image production
2. mount a full mouth survey of dental images with 100% accuracy
3. identify normal radiographic anatomy, dental caries, bone loss, restorations, technique errors, and various findings;
4. describe the composition of X-ray film
5. describe the care and maintenance of the processing solutions, equipment, and equipment accessories used in manual and automatic film processing.
6. list and identify the component parts of an automatic processor
7. discuss common time and temperature (and errors) during film processing
8. state environmental concerns of manual/automatic film processing.
9. describe the effect of kilovoltage and miliamperage on x-ray beam quality
10. discuss the effects of radiation exposure on the human body (and pregnant women)
11. discuss the ALARA concept
12. discuss methods of protecting the patient from excess radiation
13. describe measures used to protect the operator from excess radiation

Students must achieve a minimum of 75% ("C") in lecture for successful completion of the course.

#### PROGRAM:
(Numbering reflects Program Outcomes as they appear in the college catalog)

The following program outcome(s) will be incorporated through self critique and peer evaluations:

1. Integrate knowledge of oral anatomy with principles of radiation production, physics, biology, safety, interpretation and mounting.

2. Continuously self assess through critical thinking and problem solving.

#### GENERAL EDUCATION:
(Numbering reflects General Education Outcomes as they appear in the college catalog)

#### Evaluation:
List how the above outcomes will be assessed.

Assessment will be based on the following criteria:

1. Quizzes
2. Examinations

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### Instructional Resources:

List library (e.g. books, journals, online resources), technological (e.g. Smartboard, software), and other resources (e.g. equipment, supplies, facilities) required and desired to teach this course.

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### Textbook(s)

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