**Course Title:** Dental Materials for the Dental Hygienist  

**Department:** Allied Health

**Curriculum:** Dental Hygiene

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**Course Code:** DHY*225  
**Course Type:** L/D  
A: Clinical  B: Lab  D: Distance Learning  
Internship  P: Practicum  U: Studio  
X: Combined Lecture/Lab  Y: Combined Lecture/ 
Clinical/Lab  Z: Combined Lecture/Studio

**Elective Type:** G  
E: English  FA: Fine Arts  G: General  
HI: History  HU: Humanities  LAS: Liberal Arts & Sciences  
FL: Foreign Language  M: Math  S: Science  SS: Social Science

**Prerequisites:**  
C or better in Concepts of Chemistry (CHE*111) AND Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO*211).

**Corequisites:** None

**Other Requirements:** None

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**Catalog Course Description:**  
This course provides a comprehensive study of dental materials, including the properties and manipulation, biomechanical function, physical and chemical properties, and biocompatibility of dental materials. An emphasis will be placed on those materials and skills utilized by the dental hygiene practitioner for dental hygiene diagnosis and treatment planning. Critical analysis of current evidenced based on literature will be an integral part of this course. This is a hybrid online course and requires students to be proficient in the use of web browser, electronic mail, and navigation of WebCT.

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

1. Structure of dental materials  
2. Biological, chemical, and physical properties of dental materials.  
3. Hydrocolloids: science, manipulation, and application  
4. Impression techniques for study casts  
5. Study cast preparation for case presentation  
6. Resins: Science, manipulation, and application  
7. Ceramics: Science, manipulation, and application  
8. Dental Metals: Science, manipulation, and application
9. Investigating and Casting Procedures
10. Dental Amalgam: Science, manipulation, and application
11. Cements: Science, manipulation, and application
12. Thermoplastic Materials: Science, manipulation, and application
13. Tooth Whitening Procedures: Science, manipulation, and application

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

**COURSE:**

1. discuss the chemical, physical, and biological properties of various dental materials
2. demonstrate and explain the various uses of gypsum
3. explain the uses and properties of the various categories of dental impression materials
4. explain the rationale and process of gingival retraction used in taking prosthetic impressions
5. explain and demonstrate the use of irreversible hydrocolloid impression material
6. explain the process of the production of diagnostic study casts and their purpose
7. demonstrate the procedure for the fabrication of study casts
8. identify the uses of dental resins and ceramics and their relevance to the practice of dental hygiene
9. explain the basic science of dental resin polymerization and the uses of the various dental resins
10. demonstrate an understanding of the dental metals used in dentistry, including the science of alloys, amalgam, and the process of investigating and casting alloys
11. demonstrate an understanding of the science, manipulation, and uses of the various categories of dental cements
12. explain the uses of thermosplastic materials, including the production of trays for tooth whitening, athletic mouthguards, and topical application
13. explain home and in-office tooth whitening procedures, including armamentarium, concentrations, indications, contraindications, adverse reactions, and client education process
14. discuss and demonstrate the procedure for prescribing an athletic mouthguard, its fabrication, indications, and client education

**NOTE:** Students must achieve at least a 75% in both lab and lecture for successful completion of this course.

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

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

11. **Written Communication (embedded)** - Students will be prepared to develop written texts of varying lengths and styles that communicate effectively and appropriately across a variety of settings.

   - **Demonstrates:** Writes articulate texts using appropriate evidence and appeals as determined by the rhetorical situation.
   - **Does Not Demonstrate:** Writes texts lacking appropriate evidence and appeals as determined by the rhetorical situation.

**Evaluation:**

List how the above outcomes will be assessed.

**Assessment will be based on the following criteria:**

- Quizzes
- Exams
- Projects in didactic and laboratory
**Instructional Resources:**
- List library (e.g. books, journals, on-line resources), technological (e.g. Smartboard, software), and other resources (e.g. equipment, supplies, facilities) required and desired to teach this course.

**Required:** Dental Materials Laboratory and Equipment  
**Desired:**

**Textbook(s)**
- Textbook: Refer to current academic year