



PRE-CLINICAL DENTAL ASSISTING — DENT 1110

A. Course Description

- **Credits:** 3.00
- **Lecture Hours/Week:** 3.00
- **Lab Hours/Week:** 0.00
- **OJT Hours/Week:** 0
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Corequisites:** None
- **MnTC Goals:** None

This course will introduce the student to the health and safety considerations for basic infection control and dental emergencies. Topics will include occupational exposure risks, personal protection, exposure control, hazard communication standards, and medical waste disposal, as defined by government guidelines and regulations including OSHA standards. Special attention will be given on how to reduce the risk of transmission of disease commonly found in the dental office between dental assistants and patients, including various sterilization and disinfection techniques. This course will also discuss the prevention and treatment of medical emergencies commonly found in the dental office. The student will have a basic understanding of the classification, administration, use, and effects of drugs commonly used in a dental office. Prerequisites: Admission to Dental Assisting Program

B. Course Effective Dates: 2/12/98 – Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas

As noted on course syllabus

D. Learning Outcomes

1. Identify medical emergencies related to dental care and the dental assistants role in a medical emergency.
2. Demonstrate proficiency in sterilizing instruments and disinfecting techniques.
3. Apply current concepts of infection control and occupation safety.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

F. Learner Outcomes Assessment

As noted on course syllabus

G. Special Information

None noted