COURSE OUTLINE

DHYG 221 – DENTAL PHARMACOLOGY

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A. **TITLE**: DENTAL PHARMACOLOGY

B. **COURSE NUMBER**: DHYG 221

C. **CREDIT HOURS**: 2

D. **WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE**: NO

E. **COURSE LENGTH**: 15 WEEKS

F. **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED**: FALL

G. **HOURS OF LECTURE, LABORATORY, RECITATION, TUTORIAL, ACTIVITY**: 2 Hours of lecture each week

H. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION**: General concepts of drugs and drug action are discussed. Special emphasis will be given to drugs used in dentistry and drugs that may alter dental treatment. The course include specific mechanisms of action and clinical applications of drugs which affect the central and peripheral nervous systems, the heart, the circulatory and renal systems, the respiratory and GI systems and the endocrine system. Drugs to treat cancer and carious infections are also discussed. Special consideration will be given to the topic of drugs for the pregnant patient and the student will examine important drug interactions.

I. **PRE-REQUISITES/CO-COURSES**: Matriculation in Dental Hygiene or permission of the instructor.

J. **GOALS (STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES)**: By the end of this course, the student will meet the following course learning outcomes which are linked to the institutional learning outcomes. This course provides the foundational skills to perform the following program competencies: 1.1, 1.7, 1.15, 3.7, 5.2, 5.4 and 8.1.

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<th>Student Learning Outcomes</th>
<th>Institutional Outcomes</th>
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<td>1. Explain general concepts, definitions and mechanism of the drug action in general pharmacology</td>
<td>2. Critical Thinking 3. Prof Competency</td>
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<td>2. Identify the functions and physiology of the autonomic and central nervous systems</td>
<td>3. Prof Competency</td>
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<td>3. Identify and demonstrate drug classifications and specific drug actions to the affected systems to include therapeutic actions and side effects.</td>
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<td>4. Identify common drugs and those that may alter dental treatment.</td>
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<td>5. Demonstrate competence when utilizing the PDR (Physician’s Desk Reference).</td>
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K. **TEXTS**:  

L. **REFERENCES**:  

Pickett, et.al. *Basic Principles of Pharmacology with Dental Hygiene Applications*.  
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2009


Additional Internet Resources:
www.fda.gov Food and Drug Administration
www.rxlist.com Internet Drug Index

M. EQUIPMENT: none

N. GRADING METHOD: A – F
A letter grade will be issued utilizing the following conversion table. All students must achieve a minimum C grade in this course to maintain matriculation in the program.

A 94 - 100
B+ 90 - 93
B 84 - 89
C+ 80 - 83
C 75 - 79
D 74 - 70
F 69 or lower

O. MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:
Weekly Quizzes
Final Exam
PDR Based Pharmacology Case Study of a patient seen in DHYG 251
Therapeutic Class Presentation

P. DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE:

I. General Principles
   A. Prescription Writing
   B. Drug Action and Handling
   C. Adverse Reactions

II. Drugs Used In Dentistry
   A. Autonomic Drugs
   B. Nonopioid Analgesics
   C. Opioid (Narcotic) Analgesics
   D. Antiinfective Agents
   E. Antifungal and Antiviral Agents
   F. Local Anesthetics
   G. General Anesthetics
   H. Antianxiety Agents

III. Drugs That May Alter Dental Treatment
   A. Cardiovascular Drugs
   B. Anticonvulsant Drugs
   C. Psychotherapeutic Agents
   D. Autacoids and Antihistamines
   E. Adrenocorticosteroids
F. Other Hormones
G. Antineoplastic Drugs
H. Respiratory and GI Drugs

IV. Special Situations
   A. Pregnancy and Breast Feeding
   B. Drug Interactions
   C. Bisphosphonates (BP)

V. Utilization of the Physician’s Desk Reference (PDR)

Q. **LABORATORY OUTLINE**: Not applicable