

American Dental Hygienists' Association Directory of Re-entry Programs for Dental Hygienists

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Course Information

A. How are the course(s) offered: See comments below

B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? This course may be modified contingent on the candidate's requirements

C. Course Availability

Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Thursday – Sunday, May 17 – 20, 2018
repeated: October 11 -14, 2018

What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None

Weekend classes (Saturday – Sunday): Thursday – Sunday, May 17 – 20, 2018
repeated: October 11 -14, 2018

What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: None

Didactic hours required: 50% **Clinical hours required:** 50%

Comments

This course is designed to update a licensed dental hygienist, clinically prepare an exam candidate, and/or assist in the re-instatement requirement of a dental hygienist with an expired license. Current philosophies, theories and practices are incorporated into an intense concentration of didactic and clinical instruction. Direct clinical practice is a major component of the program with individualized coaching. An initial assessment determines the educational plan and length of program. Appropriate instruments and equipment are provided at a state of the art dental facility for the clinical component of the course.

General topics include but are not limited to:

- infection control
- Cultural diversity, HIPAA, medical history and vital signs
- oral assessment and disease detection, digital x-rays, data collection
- treatment planning, documentation and record keeping, computer software training
- oral health education, promotion and disease prevention
- manual and ultrasonic instrumentation, care and maintenance
- ergonomics
- professional, career and continual learning resources
- new dental products and technologies

Note: Course participants practice alongside faculty to ensure safety when using new techniques and equipment. Participants should be cautioned of the risks of using limited knowledge when integrating new techniques into their practices.

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GA – Augusta University (formerly Georgia Regents University/Medical College of Georgia)

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Course Information

D. How are the course(s) offered: See comments below
E. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
F. Course Availability
Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days
What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
Weekend classes (Saturday – Sunday): None
What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: None
Didactic hours required: 10-19 **Clinical hours required:** 20-29

Comments

Courses offered: In May and December each year.

The re-entry course is designed for Dental Hygienists who have been out of their field for an extended period of time and may have been directed by a State Board of Dentistry to obtain Clinical and Didactic hours for their re-entry into the Dental Hygiene Profession.

KS – Johnson County Community College

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Course Information

A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days
What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? 26-50%
Weekend classes (Saturday – Sunday): None
What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: None
Didactic hours required: 10-19 **Clinical hours required:** 30-39

Comments

The course is designed to refine and update the clinical skills and didactic knowledge level of the participant to current dental hygiene practice pursuant to K.S.A. laws and regulations. Successful completion of this course will allow the participant to reapply for licensure without having to retake the CRDTS exam.

The course includes one-on-one didactic and clinical instruction with an emphasis on dental hygiene clinical skills. Dental hygiene faculty will assess the clinical skills of the participant and identify strategies for improvement. Clinical skills will be practiced at the Johnson County Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic or a participating affiliate location. A minimum of 32 clock hours is required by the Kansas Dental Board for clinical instruction.

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Didactic instruction may be in a formal class setting, on-line, or by independent study. The required number of clock hours for didactic study is 16.

Competency exams will be assessed on the student's clinical skills throughout the course. Progressing Towards Competency (PTC) must be earned on all aspects of dental hygiene care. This will include Assessment, Treatment Planning, Treatment, Oral Hygiene Instruction and the Management of the Patient. These items will include issues such as Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Time Management, Communication, and Management of the Patient.

Upon Completion of the course, the participant will be able to:

1. Perform basic assessment skills including vital signs, medical history, intra, extra oral exam, periodontal assessment, calculus evaluation, dental charting, and oral health evaluation.
2. Develop and present individualized care plans to patients.
3. Recognize the need for further diagnostic evaluation.
4. Recognize the need for referral
5. Recognize any contraindications for dental hygiene treatment.
6. Develop and present individualized preventative strategies
7. Recognize the need for supportive treatment services
8. Take and develop digital radiographs. Full mouth survey, Bitewings, Vertical BW, Panoramic radiographs, when indicated.
9. Detect and remove hard and soft deposits supr- and sub-gingivally.
10. Evaluate sharpness of instruments and be able to properly sharpen when indicated
11. Perform proper root planning techniques to an acceptable skill level.
12. Self-assess skill strengths and weakness and develop strategies for problem solving.
13. Apply current OSHA guidelines for standard precautions and infection control in the clinical setting.
14. Know how to manage an emergency situation
15. Discuss the current Kansas Dental Hygiene Laws.

The majority of the didactic portion of this course is conducted by self study through online modules prior to having the students in the clinic to begin practice. Assignments for clinical experiences are made on a space available basis in order not to compete with credit students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program, Monday through Thursday only. The KS Dental Board accepts this course for re-licensure after previous license has lapsed. Minimum number of hours required by KDB is 48. The average number of hours for courses completed in 2015 was 48 hours of didactic study and 32 hours of clinical practice.

KS – Wichita State University

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Course Information

A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed

B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes

C. Course Availability

Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days

What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? Less than 25%

Weekend classes (Saturday – Sunday): None

What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: None

Didactic hours required: 30-39

Clinical hours required: 30-39

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Comments

This course is designed for hygienists who live in the Wichita area and have been out of practice for 10 years or less.

LA – Louisiana State University

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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Days
What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? Less than 25%
Weekend classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): None
What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: None
Didactic hours required: 20-29 Clinical hours required: 10-19

Comments

Courses are tailored specifically for the applicant after interviewing them to determine their needs. Some information (about 10%) is on-line.

LA – University of Louisiana at Monroe

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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Both
What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? 76-99%
Weekend classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): Both
What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: 76-99%
Didactic hours required: None Clinical hours required: None

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Comments

The number of didactic and clinical hours are not determined until the applicant provides required information regarding number of years in and out of practice, number and content of continuing education hours and familiarity with specific topics related to practice. A questionnaire and interview are completed to determine this information and the subsequent needs of the applicant. An individualized curriculum is developed considering the requirements of the licensing agency, and the student's input. The number of required hours varies with the individual. The didactic portion of the course is online. A minimum of one day for laboratory and clinical sessions is required on site. During these sessions, participants are introduced to new instruments, equipment, products, techniques, and protocols. There is a clinical competency session during the day in which the participant completes clinical procedures on a patient who is provided by the department. The number of required clinical hours will also vary with each individual.

MI – Ferris State University

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered:** As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Both
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
 Weekend classes (Saturday – Sunday): As Needed
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: None
 Didactic hours required: None **Clinical hours required:** As Needed

Comments

The dental hygiene re-entry course was designed for dental hygienists who have been out of practice and would like to refresh their skills to re-enter the workforce. In addition, this course is available to students who did not successfully pass the clinical board exam and want to practice their dental hygiene skills.

MN – University of Minnesota

Contact Information

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Course Information

- D. How are the course(s) offered:** See comments below
E. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? No
F. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
 Weekend classes (Saturday – Sunday): None
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: None
 Didactic hours required: 10-19 **Clinical hours required:** 20-29

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Comments

This course is for dental hygienists looking to re-enter practice after some time away. It is offered annually (May or June) through our Continuing Dental Education Division. This course is 5 full days in length and participants provide clinical patient care as part of the course.

If seeking re-licensure, we advise that their first point of contact is the *Minnesota board of dentistry*, to determine educational needs appropriate to their situation.

NH – NHTI, Concord's Community College

Contact Information

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Course Information

A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed

B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes

C. Course Availability

Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days

What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? 76-99%

Weekend classes (Saturday – Sunday): Saturday

What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: Less than 25%

Didactic hours required: Varies **Clinical hours required:** 10-19

Comments

The DH Refresher course reviews standard techniques in oral care and introduces trends in current dental hygiene treatment. Seven modules of didactic instruction are delivered via an online portion and includes an assessment. Since the online didactic portion is designed as a self-study, didactic hours required are dependent on the learner. Clinical portion of course consists of 12 hours of clinical instruction including client treatment. Participants provide their own clients to provide dental hygiene care and to expose a full mouth series of radiographs.

Course is offered on an as-needed basis and arranged based on participant & instructor availability.

NJ – Rutgers University

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Course Information

A. How are the course(s) offered: See comments below

B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes

C. Course Availability

Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Both

What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? 76-99%

Weekend classes (Saturday – Sunday): Both

What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: 76-99%

Didactic hours required: 30-39 **Clinical hours required:** 10-19

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Comments

The 40-hour course is offered in both the fall and spring semesters. The course is designed for dental hygienists re-entering private practice. It has been approved by the NJ State Board of Dentistry as a pathway to reinstating a dental hygiene license. The course is also appropriate for practicing hygienists wishing to update their professional skills. The course is a directed home-study program and includes a review of basic preventive concepts, introduction of new patient treatment philosophies and protocols, overview of updated armamentarium and materials, and supervised patient treatment exercises. Students will receive a guided packet for each lesson that will be coordinated with specific chapters in the assigned comprehensive text, including selected readings from current journal articles. As this is a web-enhanced course, students are required to visit and have access to multiple websites on the internet. Students will be required to complete and submit written assignments and exams, attend two (2) full day sessions on campus to complete clinical activities, as well as a supervised clinical patient experience.

OH – Ohio State University

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
 Weekend classes (Saturday – Sunday): Saturday
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: None
 Didactic hours required: 10-19 **Clinical hours required:** 10-19

Comments

This course is catered to the specific requirements of state dental boards for re-entry in the profession and the specific needs of the practitioner.

OR – Lane Community College

Contact Information

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Course Information

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B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Both
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? 26-50%
 Weekend classes (Saturday – Sunday): Saturday
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: None
 Didactic hours required: 20-29 **Clinical hours required:** 50 or more

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Comments

An individualized program of study is prepared between the student and the program to meet the needs of the re-entry student. Didactic, laboratory and clinical hours are determined by an assessment of the re-entry students' knowledge, skills and abilities.

Scheduling, staff availability and access to clinical facilities also guides the re-entry plan and number of quarters the re-entry student participates. Didactic information is guided by the re-entry student needs. Laboratory and clinical hours of instruction are developed around skill development plans and if board examination preparation is required.

TN – East Tennessee State University

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. **How are the course(s) offered:** As Needed
B. **Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs?** Yes
C. **Course Availability**
Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Both
What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
Weekend classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): None
What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: None
Didactic hours required: 10-19 Clinical hours required: 10-19

Comments

Every person who wants to re-enter the profession has a program established based on how long they practiced, how long it has been since they practiced, etc. So it is very individualized.

TN – University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis

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Course Information

- A. **How are the course(s) offered:** See comments below
B. **Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs?** Yes
C. **Course Availability**
Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Days
What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? 26-50%
Weekend classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): None
What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online: 100%
Didactic hours required: Clinical hours required: 20-29

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Comments

Clinical hours required are dependent upon achievement of clinical competence.

TX – Texas Woman's University

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Course Information

A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed

B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes

C. Course Availability

Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*):

What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online?

Weekend classes (*Saturday – Sunday*):

What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online:

Didactic hours required:

Clinical hours required:

Comments

Each person who applies is unique. No one person has been exactly like another – the courses, times, place, and mode of instruction depend upon the individual's needs. We are selective in the students we consider for this program and create a specific program for their needs whenever possible.