

Grand Island Public Schools DENTAL CAREERS

Course Length: One semester

Grade Levels: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite Courses: Biology

Course Description:

This course provides background information about the history and development of dentistry and dental careers, including an overview of professional ethics, jurisprudence, and communications. The course provides information about personal oral hygiene, the instruments and equipment found in a dental treatment environment, the principles of asepsis in dentistry, and the application of standard precautions.

Orientation To Dental Careers Course Standards

As a result of their participation in this course, students will:

- Explore significant events and contributions that have shaped the dental profession.
- Examine the characteristics of a successful dental assistant.
- Examine the role of each member of the dental health care team.
- Differentiate between the treatment services provided by each of the nine recognized dental specialties.
- Examine the basic principles of ethics as they apply to the dental profession.
- Examine the basic principles of jurisprudence as they apply to the dental profession.
- Investigate the basic principles and techniques of a personal oral hygiene practice.
- Investigate ways to interact with patients in a professional manner.
- Use basic dental terminology.
- Describe teeth using standard professional classifications.
- Identify dental handpieces and treatment room equipment.
- Practice good personal oral hygiene techniques.
- Discuss the basic principles of aseptic techniques.