



CORONAL POLISHING SYLLABUS

The class size shall be limited to eighteen (18) students, and the clinical instructor-to student ratio must be one (1) instructor to SIX (6) students (1:6) for the clinical portion of the course.

Objectives

At the completion of this course the students will be able to:

1. Pronounce, define, and spell key terms
2. Know the Difference between prophylaxis and coronal polishing
3. Know Indications and Contradictions of Coronal Polishing
4. Know about Extrinsic and Intrinsic stains
5. Know about Abrasives and Polishing agents
6. Apply Restoration care and use precautions with fixed restorations
7. Know the Proper steps and Overview of Coronal Polishing
8. Understand the use of equipment and materials
9. Know how to Educate patients about fluoride
10. Demonstrate Technique and safety precautions
11. Know the Rules and Regulations for coronal polishing

Number of Hours (14)

Lecture: 10

Demonstration: ½ hour

Clinical: 3.5

Content Outline

Didactic Portion

The didactic portion of the course shall include instruction in all the following subject matters and will be delivered as an online format to include a power point, study guides, and asynchronous lectures.

- (I) Principles of plaque and stain formation.
- (II) The clinical appearance of plaque, intrinsic and extrinsic stains, and calculus (removal of calculus and scalable stains shall be accomplished only by a dentist or licensed dental hygienist);
- (III) The clinical appearance of clean and polished teeth.
- (IV) Tooth morphology and the anatomy of the oral cavity as they relate to the retention of plaque, stain, and polishing techniques.
- (V) Principles of selecting abrasives and polishing agents and their effect on tooth structure and restorative materials.

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(VI) Principles of polishing, including the selection and care of the armamentarium, instrumentation techniques and precautions, including the care of the mouth with fixed or removable prostheses and/or orthodontic appliances.

(VII) Principles of aseptic technique, including the sterilization of instruments, sanitation of equipment, and control of disease transmission.

(VIII) Principles of selecting and applying disclosing agents, including armamentarium, technique and precautions.

(IX) Principles of the preparation of teeth and the oral cavity for fluoride application.

(X) The reaction of fluorides with tooth structure.

(XI) Available fluoride agents.

(XII) Principles of the preparation and storage of fluoride agents; and

(XIII) Principles of application techniques, including the selection and care of armamentarium, the isolation of teeth, adaptation of trays, techniques, and precautions.

Demonstration

The course provider/instructor shall conduct clinical experience for a minimum of one-half (1/2) hour. The clinical portion of the course shall include instruction in each of the following areas:

- (I) Patient assessment.
- (II) Education of patients before and after procedure
- (III) Demonstration and use of equipment
- (IV) Demonstrate the hand piece grasp and positioning for the prophylaxis angle
- (V) Demonstrate Fulcrum in each quadrant
- (VI) Proper seating positions for the operator and assistants

Clinical Portion

The course provider shall conduct clinical experience of at least four (4) hours duration, which shall include at least a one-half (1/2) hour demonstration by an instructor. The clinical portion shall include all significant parts of the didactic portion and hands-on experience in the following:

- (I) Identifying calculus, plaque, and intrinsic and extrinsic stains;
- (II) Polishing exposed surfaces of teeth;
- (III) Applying disclosing agents to the exposed surface of teeth;
- (IV) Evaluating the extent of plaque and stain removal.
- (V) Maintaining the polishing armamentarium;
- (VI) Maintaining aseptic techniques;

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- (VI) Applying various fluoride agents; and
- (VIII) Applying various desensitizing agents.

The course shall include jurisprudence aspects, as follows:

- (I) Limitations of the practice of dental assisting in accordance with the statutes and rules of the Board.**
- (II) Limitations on dental assistant services.**
- (III) Penalties for violation of the Dental Practice Act or Rules of the Board of Dentistry; and**
- (IV) Mechanisms by which a person can report violations of statutes and/or rules of the Board of Dentistry.**

Materials and Equipment

Any Necessary materials and instruments will be provided by the school
Students will need to provide a mask, safety glasses and a lab/scrub jacket.

Method of Evaluation

Competency Sheets Rubber Cup Polishing

Demonstrate the proper procedure for a complete coronal polishing with a passing grade of 75% (total of 25 points)

Test

The passing grade is set a seventy-five percent (75%). Review will be offered before re-testing. Upon completion of the course, students shall be evaluated by written examination. A student who initially fails the examination may retake the examination no more than two (2) times before the course must be retaken and the exam retaken.

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