Dental Hygiene Local Anesthesia Improvement Course

The Post-Graduate Studies for Dental Professionals department now offers a local anesthesia improvement course for graduates mandated to additional hours of clinical and/or didactic education or for those who seeking to improve skills prior to taking a regional or state board clinical examination.

This course focuses on knowledge and application of local anesthesia including review of patient assessment for use of pain control methods, pharmacology, contraindications, and medical emergencies. The course also includes supervised lab and/or clinical instruction, and practice in techniques for administration of local anesthesia. Specific instructional objectives are customized for each participant.

This course does not substitute for the Soft Tissue Curettage, Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen Analgesia, and Local Anesthetic (SNL) certificate required by the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) to gain licensure for dental hygiene practice.

Participants should be prepared to provide copies of current CPR, proof of graduation from a CODA accredited program or state dental hygiene license and malpractice insurance coverage (minimum coverage $1,000,000/3,000,000).

Malpractice Insurance: Personal coverage is required. If purchasing a new policy for this course, or modifying an existing policy, please ensure that Southwestern College Dental Hygiene Post-Graduate Studies for Dental Professionals is listed as a certificate holder.

COURSE FORMAT: This course is offered in conjunction with the SWC Dental Hygiene core clinic courses. Due to patient-care requirements for clinical skill improvement course dates will follow the regular fall, spring, or summer clinic course scheduling. Space is limited due to accreditation mandates for faculty to student ratio. The 50 or 80-hour requirement is determined by the course facilitator and the participant. Access to high speed internet and a computer is necessary.

COURSE FEE: $3,500.00 (non-refundable)

The course takes place in a classroom and/or clinical environment at the Southwestern College Dental Hygiene Program located at the Higher Education Center in National City / 880 National City Blvd.

Contact the SWC Dental Hygiene Post-Graduate Studies for Dental Professionals for enrollment information
(619) 216-6665 ext. 4862 or (619) 216-6670

Due to the cost and scheduling required for this course, refunds cannot be accommodated. More information can be found on Dental Hygiene webpage at the Higher Education Center, National City

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