



CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Health & Human Services
Dental Programs

DENA 171
Practicum 1
Fall 2017
COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @

<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/dena.html>

⚡ *Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records.*

1. Instructor Information

(a) Instructor	Melody Weimer
(b) Office hours	By appointment
(c) Location	Dental Building 006
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(e) E-mail	weimerm@camosun.bc.ca
(f) Website	On D2L site

2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will be able to:

1. Describe the CDA skills, responsibilities, and scope of practice as observed in the dental setting
2. Describe the skills and responsibilities of the dental team in the clinical setting
3. Identify characteristics of an effective CDA as a team member in the dental setting
4. Use appropriate dental-related vocabulary with team and clients and within observational reports

Intended Learning Outcomes (Cont'd)

5. Demonstrate, at an introductory level, appropriate professional conduct in the dental setting
 - a. Demonstrate appropriate and professional dress and workplace behaviour in the dental setting
 - b. Communicate in a professional manner with the dental team and clients
 - c. Be accountable for own actions, decisions and professional development, in selective situations
6. Perform selected CDA duties as determined and supervised by the dental team in the practicum setting

PROPOSED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

1. Practice of Semester I skills with a CDA mentor
2. Observation of clinical practice
3. Practicum records

3. Required Materials

(a) Texts

(b) Other

4. Course Content and Schedule

Calendar Description

Students are introduced to the practice of dental assisting in a general dentistry office.

Pre-requisites

Program admission

Co-requisites

Pre/Co-requisites

DENA 110, 120, 130, 140 & 150

Course Particulars

(a) Credits 3.0

(b) Components

class 0 hrs; lab 0; seminar 0; practicum 24.0 hrs; out of class;
0 other: community outreach

(c) Is the course available by distributed education? No

(d) Contact Hours

(Refer to CDA Program Fall 2016 Timetable for DENA 171 schedule)

Hours per week 24.0 hrs; # of weeks 1; Total contact hours 24.0 hrs
(Note: does not include final examination week)

(e) Is prior learning assessment available for this course? No

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

EVALUATION

The following criteria must be met in order to successfully complete DENA 171:

- Participate, in a dental office, a minimum of 24 hours
- Submit Practicum Record (to be completed by student):
 - Submission should follow guidelines as presented in the “Practicum Guide for Dental Assistant Students” booklet
 - Practicum Record to be returned to the **practicum lead** within five working days, following the last scheduled practicum day
- Submit Practicum Evaluation form (to be completed by dentist and/or CDA):
 - Practicum Evaluation form to be returned to the **supervising instructor** within five working days, following the last scheduled practicum day

Unsuccessful completion of practicum is considered grounds for interview, probation, and/or discontinuation.

6. Grading System

The minimum grade for successful completion of DENA 171 is B-or 70%.

- Standard Grading System (GPA)
- Competency Based Grading System
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<http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/policies.php>

A. Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-	Minimum Passing Grade for DENA 171 (70%)	4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F		0

B. Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/E-1.5.pdf> for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Student Services or the College web site at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section. <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/policies.html>