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LDRS 100. Introduction to Interprofessional Education and Collaboration. .5 Unit.
The last decade has seen a growing emphasis on fostering the ability of healthcare providers from different professions to more effectively communicate and collaborate in the care of patients in order to improve the patient’s care experience, to improve population health outcomes and to create a more cost-effective healthcare system. Interprofessional education (IPE), in which students from different professions learn about, with and from each other, can help to develop skills for interprofessional communication and collaboration. This course serves as a foundational interprofessional education experience for first year dental students.

LDRS 111. Epidemiology for Public Health and Clinical Practice. 2.5 Units.
This 3 week intensive sequence provides the first experience with the problem-based learning format and focuses on the content foundation in epidemiology and skills for evidence-based practice in dentistry. Problem-based cases will use oral health topics to present the skills for critical appraisal of health literature. Small-group settings will permit students to gain experience in applying these skills to relevant dental literature.

LDRS 116. Promoting Evidence-based Dentistry I. .5 Unit.
The course aims to enhance and apply the use of evidence-based practice skills and critical thinking in D1 and D2 in preparation for use in clinical training. Using diverse formats, students will enhance their skills to be efficient and effective in acquiring, appraising and applying scientific evidence in didactic, pre-clinical and early clinical coursework. The course topics and requirements will be integrated with concomitant course work to enhance relevance. Student assignments can be included in a portfolio to demonstrate progress and competency.

LDRS 310. Professional Development. 1 Unit.
Major issues and trends that affect oral health and the mission of dentistry in the United States. Behavioral knowledge and skills essential to the oral health practitioner’s ability to deliver effective patient-centered care.

LDRS 313. Dental Patient Management/Risk Management. 1 Unit.
Principles of patient management and risk management are reviewed. The primary focus is directed toward the skills associated with communication. A variety of examples of malpractice are reviewed and discussed. Other areas of risk are discussed such as infection and occupational hazards related to EPA and OSHA standards.

LDRS 316. Practice Management I. 1 Unit.
This course is designed to develop practical knowledge and skills in dental practice management. It is organized around initial topics that will lay the foundation for adequate planning for practice success after graduation. The subsequent courses build upon this foundation knowledge so that students will have a general perspective of where to begin their strategies for success in the future. This course discusses topics that include analysis of practice configurations, choosing the appropriate consultants, basic tools for fiscal management and evaluation, and identifying opportunities that match the student’s life goals.

LDRS 317. Dental Auxiliary Management. .5 Unit.
This course introduces students to each type of auxiliary personnel in the dental office and describes their training, testing, duties delegated legally and how their utilization in the office setting can be optimized. Basic management considerations and theories of leadership are presented and various leadership styles are recommended for situations presented. This course provides an understanding of interacting with auxiliary and the process of delegation. The course defines state dental board rules and regulations that guide dentists in the utilization of auxiliary personnel. Such items as overhead costs are explored in relation to each auxiliary category.

LDRS 415. Practice Management II. 1 Unit.
Students deal with entrepreneurship applications and experiences specific to dentistry and are introduced to the process of formulating a business plan. Personal finance and investment strategies are covered in this course, particularly as they pertain to developing a business plan for the students’ careers. Each student constructs a business plan specific to the goals and situation of that student.

LDRS 416. Practice Management III. 1.5 Unit.
This course is designed to develop practical knowledge and skills in dental practice management. As the student prepares for clinical practice, topics surrounding negotiation of working contracts, insurance contract evaluation, policies, compliance, and marketing are among some of the most important issues to be familiar with. Skills acquired in the preceding course are applied to the student’s “practice” (panel of patients) for evaluation of practice productivity and growth.

LDRS 420. Jurisprudence and Professional Ethical Responsibility. .5 Unit.
Ethical and legal issues, civil and criminal law, contracts, malpractice and current ethical and legal dilemmas encountered in practice.