



College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia

Content Categories:

A. Biological Sciences

1. General and oral microbiology/ infection control
2. Biochemistry/ nutrition/ diet counseling

B. Social Sciences

1. Psychology/ sociology
2. Communication principles/ behaviour management strategies

C. Dental Sciences

1. Head, neck, oral and dental anatomy
2. General and oral embryology/ histology
3. Radiography knowledge and interpretation
4. General and oral pathology
5. Dental materials

D. Dental Hygiene Clinical Practice

1. Health assessment/ pharmacology (prescribed and non-prescribed)
2. Periodontology (including assessment, diagnosis)
3. Non-surgical dental hygiene therapy, including instrumentation (hand and powered) and ergonomics
4. Care of special needs population
5. Pain management and control
6. Primary prevention strategies, including oral self-care
7. Emergency prevention and interventions

E. Community

1. Public health practice, including programming and client advocacy
2. Health promotion and wellness strategies
3. Research/ epidemiology/ statistics

F. Professional Issues

1. Ethics and jurisprudence (including legislation, regulation, documentation)
2. Collaborative relationships/ referrals/ administration/ practice management