



**DHYG 1235**

**Pharmacology**

**Spring 2025**

**2 Credits**

**Lecture: Friday 11:40-2:00**

**Instructor Information:** Mrs. Sarah Allen, RDH, BSDH; [sallen31@com.edu](mailto:sallen31@com.edu); Call (409)933-8966 and leave message.

**Student hours and location:** Lecture Fridays 11:40-2:00pm; DH Lab STEAM 202.

**Required Textbook/Materials**



*Applied pharmacology for the dental hygienist.*  
Bablenis Haveles, E. (9<sup>th</sup> edition, 2024). Elsevier Health Sciences.  
ISBN: 978-0-323-79863-1

**Course Description:** Normal and diseased periodontium including the structural, functional, and environmental factors. Emphasis on etiology, pathology, treatment modalities, and therapeutic and preventive periodontics.

**Course requirements:** Examinations, Quizzes, Online assignments, In class assignments, projects, homework and class participation

**Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula:**

Category	Points	Percentage	Grade Distribution
Quizzes (7)	140	28%	A= 90 — 100% B= 83 — 91% C= 72 — 82% A “C” or better is required to pass
Exams (3)	300	63%	
Case studies (5)	25	5%	
Assignments (2)	35	4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100%</b>	

**Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra-Credit Policy:** No late work is accepted. Faculty may elect to allow students to make up tests and assignments at their discretion, but they must be done so within 24 hours of returning, or the student will receive a “zero.”

**Attendance Policy:** The college policy on attendance is “Students are required to attend and participate in every session of all classes for which they are registered. Regular attendance is a critical component to being successful in courses. COM recognizes no excused absences other

than those prescribed by law: religious holy days and military service.” The dental hygiene program expects students to be present for all clinic, classroom and laboratory sessions. Students are expected to be on time and stay for the entire time for every lecture, lab, and clinic. Tardiness of more than 20 minutes and leaving early will count for an absence.

Though no absences are excused, students are still expected to contact course faculty as soon as possible in regard to a missed class. If any portion of a class session is missed, it is the student's responsibility to obtain notes, assignments, handouts, and make-up work/exams before the next scheduled class meeting or within one week of the missed class. The DH Program handbook fully outlines the attendance policy for program specific courses. Please note, three tardies or two absences result in a consultation with the program director and/or written notice of course deficiency. Three or more absences or excessive tardiness may result in reduction of final grade or dismissal from the program.

**Communicating with your instructor:** ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means. Please be mindful of communications with others, emails are expected to be written professionally and be sent during reasonable hours. Students can expect a reply within one business day, unless sent on the weekend, in which case a reply will occur by end of day Monday.

Student Learner Outcome	Maps to Core Objective	Assessed via this Assignment
1. Differentiate the classification of drugs; identify the uses, actions, and contraindications of drugs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Critical thinking skills</li> <li>-Communication skills</li> <li>-Empirical &amp; quantitative skills</li> <li>-Social responsibility</li> <li>-Personal responsibility</li> </ul>	Final exam
2. Recognize systemic and oral manifestations associated with their use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Critical thinking skills</li> <li>-Communication skills</li> <li>-Empirical &amp; quantitative skills</li> <li>-Teamwork</li> <li>-Social responsibility</li> <li>-Personal responsibility</li> </ul>	Final exam

**Academic Dishonesty:** Students enrolled in health science courses are expected to uphold the highest standard of ethical behavior and professionalism. Academic integrity is an integral component of student conduct. Unethical behavior, such as academic misconduct or scholastic dishonesty harms the student, other students, and threatens the integrity of the program. The program policy on academic dishonesty is described in the Dental Hygiene program handbook. Students are expected to adhere to the policy and there is zero tolerance for the deviation from the policy. Any student suspected of scholastic dishonesty will be referred to the program director and may receive a “zero” in the course and/or dismissal from the program.

**Student Concerns:** If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact the program director at [efalls@com.edu](mailto:efalls@com.edu).

### **Remediation and Student Success**

Remediation is implemented in all program specific courses for students to revisit material that wasn't learned or skills that weren't applied correctly. This is to ensure students are prepared to take the board exams for licensure upon graduation. Remediation is required for all exams, quizzes, competencies, and skills evaluations in which a student is unsuccessful (receives a non-passing score). The assignment for remediation for each course differs, but it is required that students comply with the remediation process, which is detailed in the DH Program student handbook. Any students who fails to complete a remediation assignment or session will be referred to the program director and may receive a "zero" in the course.

**Course outline:** See detailed course outline posted in D2L.

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## **Institutional Policies and Guidelines**

**Grade Appeal Process:** Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook [https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student\\_Handbook\\_2024-2025\\_v2.pdf](https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student_Handbook_2024-2025_v2.pdf). *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.*

**Academic Success & Support Services:** College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

**ADA Statement:** Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact:

Kimberly Lachney, Student Accessibility Services Coordinator

Phone: 409-933-8919

Email: [AccessibilityServices@com.edu](mailto:AccessibilityServices@com.edu)

Location: COM Doyle Family Administration Building, Student Success Center

**Textbook Purchasing Statement:** A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

**Withdrawal Policy:** Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career

by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1<sup>st</sup> 8-week session is February 26. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is April 21. The last date to withdraw for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-week session is April 30.

**FN Grading:** The FN grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

**Early Alert Program:** The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

**Resources to Help with Stress:**

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at [deanofstudents@com.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@com.edu) or [communityresources@com.edu](mailto:communityresources@com.edu).

**Nondiscrimination Statement:**

The College District prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and gender expression), or any other basis prohibited by law. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of College District policy.

**HB 1508:**

Notice to Students Regarding Licensing Effective September 1, 2017, HB 1508 amends the Texas Occupations Code Section 53 that requires education providers to notify potential or enrolled students that a criminal history may make them ineligible for an occupational license upon program completion. The following website provides links to information about the licensing process and requirements: [www.tdlr.texas.gov](http://www.tdlr.texas.gov)