

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – B (2)

DATE: March 31, 2016

SUBJECT: New Certificate: USD Undergraduate and Graduate Certificate in Dental Hygiene Leadership

The University of South Dakota (USD) requests authorization to offer an undergraduate and graduate certificate in Dental Hygiene Leadership. The certificate provides knowledge related to dental hygiene applicable beyond the clinical setting, such as in the areas of leadership, community health, and health policy. The audience for this certificate includes undergraduate students interested in broader occupational opportunities beyond dental hygiene practice; graduate students can apply the graduate certificate credits to programs such as the Master of Public Health or the Ph.D. in Health Sciences. The certificates do not require the creation of any new courses and consist of 12 credit hours.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Move forward. Provide Comments and concerns to Jay Perry.

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Certificate Request**

USD	HS/Dental Hygiene	<i>Elizabeth M. Freeburg</i>	2/23/16
Institution	Division/Department	Institutional Approval Signature	Date

1. Name of Program: Dental Hygiene Leadership

2. Provide a justification for the program.

The University of South Dakota seeks approval to create an undergraduate and graduate certificate in Dental Hygiene Leadership. Because of the changing landscape in national healthcare and the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene students and graduates may wish to seek additional knowledge and opportunities for career enhancement. Career opportunities for dental hygienists are expanding outside of the traditional clinical setting in many parts of the country. Dental hygienists provide clinical services in a variety of settings such as private dental practice, community health settings, nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, schools, faculty practice clinics, state and federal government facilities and Indian reservations¹. In addition to clinical practice, there are career opportunities in education, research, sales and marketing, public health, administration and government². Some hygienists combine positions in different settings and career paths for professional variety. Working in education and clinical practice is an example. Current knowledge in the topic areas of leadership, community health, health policy, current trends, comprehensive patient care, collaborative dental hygiene practice and interprofessional education and practice are slated for inclusion into the certificate curriculum. The proposed certificate will offer significant relevant information for both current and future practitioners.

3. Who is the audience for the program?

The audience for this certificate is varied. This undergraduate certificate option will be made available to: 1) current USD Dental Hygiene students in the traditional baccalaureate degree track. Students graduating with this certificate may distinguish themselves from others when seeking jobs as well as prepare themselves for leadership positions or practice in alternative settings, 2) previous USD Dental Hygiene associate degree (AD) graduates who now wish to complete the BS degree. The graduate certificate option will serve 3) previous USD BS degree graduates who want additional coursework in these areas. These graduate level courses could be considered as electives in graduate degree programs such as the USD MPH or Ph.D. in Health Sciences.

4. List the courses to be completed, the credit hours of each course, and the total number of credit hours required for the program.

Prefix & #	Title	Credit Hrs
DHYG 450/550	Dental Hygiene Leadership	3 credits
DHYG 451/551	Current Trends in Dentistry	3 credits
DHYG 452/552	Interprofessional Dental Education & Practice	3 credits
DHYG 453/553	Inclusive Patient Care	2 credits
DHYG 454/554	Collaborative Dental Hygiene Practice	1 credits
Total Credit Hours Required		12

5. Proposed CIP code: 51.0602

6. Effective Date of Certificate Program: Summer 2016

¹ http://www.adea.org/GoDental/Future_Dental_Hygienists.aspx

² <http://www.adha.org/professional-roles>