

New Jersey Dental School

Selective-Elective Program

COURSE#: AAFF9902
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TRIMESTER: Fall/Winter/Spring

DEPARTMENT: Academic Affairs/Department-based
COURSE TITLE: Senior Teaching Program

MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE:

This course provides a mechanism in which senior dentals students can be provided teaching experiences to help foster interest in making future decisions regarding academic dentistry.

To maximize the number of senior students participating in the program and provide multiple teaching opportunities with sufficient faculty supervision, a teaching experience centered in the pre-clinic is suggested. In addition, teaching experiences would be limited to freshman and sophomore laboratory courses only, as the skills and knowledge necessary to teach these courses have been more likely mastered by senior dental students. This program would have multiple benefits, which include:

1. Alleviate the faculty workload in the pre-clinic, which is already faced with faculty shortages.
2. Reduce the amount of time freshman students idly wait to have work checked before they can continue to work. Their time would be better spent refining their skills rather than standing in line.
3. Provide senior dental students with practical teaching experiences in an environment that they are comfortable and familiar with.

Eligibility Criteria

It is recommended that eligible students be in the top 40% of the class according to GPA at the end of the junior year, and not have any current academic difficulties. In addition interested students must have a B average or better in the course that they participate in. This will provide increased opportunity for motivated students to obtain a teaching experience. All other requirements and the application process can remain identical to the existing Honors program.

COURSE CONTENT:

Students participating in this course will be assigned as a student instructor in one of the freshman or sophomore pre-clinical laboratory courses. It is anticipated that students will commit approximately 60 hours (18/2 day per week for 15 weeks) to this activity. Students will list form the pre-clinical laboratory courses offered by departments at New Jersey Dental School.

OBJECTIVES OF COURSE:

The primary objective of this course is to provide teaching experiences to senior dental students to help foster interest in making future decisions regarding academic dentistry as a part time or full time career.

EVALUATION OF STUDENTS:

To determine the success of the program in promoting student interest in academic careers, senior students will be surveyed before and after their teaching experience. Also, freshman and sophomore students will evaluate senior student instructors when they complete course evaluations. Lastly, faculty

can be surveyed to see if they felt senior instructors were beneficial to the education process in the course they participated.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Number of students:

Unlimited

Day/Time:

As arranged

Number of weeks of Program

Up to one trimester

Number of hours of Program

Up to 60 hours

COURSE DIRECTOR

Pre-clinical Lab Course Directors

Senior Student Teaching Program Description and Application

The *Senior Student Teaching Program* is an enrichment program targeted at superior dental students in the senior class. This program is intended to broaden the scope of student experiences by adding depth and challenge to their education by including a teaching component. It is also designed to provide students interested in either a part-time or full time teaching career direct teaching exposure. Students who are 1) in the top 40% in academic rank and in clinical achievement and 2) making satisfactory progress during their senior year are eligible to participate.

It is anticipated that senior students will commit approximately 60 hours (1/2 day per week for 15 weeks) to this activity. Students will select from a number of freshman and sophomore pre-clinical laboratory courses offered by departments at New Jersey Dental School.

Entry into the programs by invitation. Selection of a particular course will be the responsibility of a department and course director who will oversee the student participating in the teaching program.

More information and application forms are available from the Office of Academic Affairs, B812 (2-4440).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

After reviewing the course options available to you, discuss your interests with the responsible course director and/or chairperson in the department(s) of interest. Please list your top 2 or 3 course choices on the attached application and submit the application to:

**Dr. Milton Houpt
Office of Academic Affairs
Room B-812, Newark Campus**

**NEW JERSEY DENTAL SCHOOL
SENIOR STUDENT TEACHING PROGRAM APPLICATION**

NAME _____ **ID#** _____ **DATE** _____

CLASS of 2005

PRECLINICAL LAB COURSE CHOICES

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Third Choice _____

Students Statement of expectations by entering the Teaching Program. State reasons for choice of department and course.

Student Signature

Date

Submit this application to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs to initiate processing.

APPROVALS

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

_____ APPROVED for participation in the Student Teaching Program

_____ NOT APPROVED for participation in the Student Teaching Program

Signature

Date

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR CLINICAL AFFAIRS

_____ APPROVED for participation in the Student Teaching Program

_____ NOT APPROVED for participation in the Student Teaching Program

Signature

Date

COURSE DIRECTOR

_____ APPROVED for participation in the Student Teaching Program

_____ NOT APPROVED for participation in the Student Teaching Program

Signature

Date

DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON

_____ APPROVED for participation in the Student Teaching Program

_____ NOT APPROVED for participation in the Student Teaching Program

Signature

Date

Course assignment: _____