**Dental Hygiene Program Curriculum Revision**

**Restorative Course Curriculum**

This revision is proposed for 2015-16 implementation of a series of three Restorative courses to support the licensure of dental hygiene students to successfully pass a clinical examination to obtain an restorative endorsement for practice. The three courses provide 7 credits of instruction over three terms of the second year of the curriculum.

Rationale

Students have performed under par for the restorative examination over the past 6 years. Confined by the credit hours, faculty attempted internal instructional revisions within the two courses implemented since 2008 without achieving the success most students need for licensure. Additional laboratory practice is needed for success, our need for additional course credits are essential. Northwest dental hygiene programs have as many as 9 credits of restorative instruction and are experiencing success for their graduates. Employers in clinics with large underserved populations are seeking clinicians with restorative dentistry endorsements. These are the employers our students have found the most jobs with over the past several years. Our graduates need to experience success, having a curriculum that provides the time needed to perform skills tested by the Western Regional Examination Board must be implemented as soon as possible.

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| **Curriculum Revisions**  | **Previous Course credits** | **New course Credits** |
| Revised Fall Course: DH 275 Restorative Dentistry I | 2 lecture/lab20 lecture/20 hours lab | 3 lecture/lab credits20 hours lecture/40 hours lab |
| Revised Winter Course: DH 276 Restorative Dentistry II | 1 lecture/lab4 hours lecture/16 hours lab | 3 lecture/lab credits20 hours lecture/40 hours lab |
| New Spring Course: DH 277 Restorative Dentistry III | none | 1 lecture/lab credits5 hours lecture/15 hours lab |