

DEN8290: Dental Extramural Externship

Course Description:

This elective course is a student experience within another academic institution. It is arranged by the student in conjunction with the Office of Academic Affairs. These experiences are arranged during breaks in the academic calendar so as to not interfere with core courses or clinic assignments. This is typically a 1 credit hour experience. Students can petition to retake this course for a maximum total of 3 credits.

Do not register for this course if you plan to do an externship at a private practice. There is a different, separate course for that type of externship.

Every institution is somewhat different and may have different requirements. Contact the Office of Academic Affairs for more information about the steps involved in arranging an extramural externship for elective credit.

Please allow several weeks in advance to complete all of the steps involved in enrolling in this elective.

This can not be done after the externship has taken place.

UFCD students must comply with the policies and procedures required by the hosting institution.

I. General Information

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Semester: Summer

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II. Course Goals

The goal of this course is for students to gain additional extramural experience in another academic institution. The purpose for such an experience is often to learn more about potential advanced education programs that the student may like to explore in the future.

III. Course Overview

This is an independent study elective generally arranged over break weeks that can vary from 1-3 credits based on the length of activities. Most students receive 1 credit hour for this experience. Students can repeat this course for a maximum total of 3 credit hours. No more than 3 credit hours can be earned in this course, even if the student takes it multiple times.

It is preferred that arranged externship experiences occur during breaks. Credit will be issued provided that the student:

1. Is in good academic standing (not currently on academic or conduct probation) unless special permission is obtained.
2. Is officially registered with the UF Registrar prior to this elective experience through the Office of Academic Affairs.
3. Completes a Request for Planned Leave with the Office of Academic Affairs, when the experience occurs during school session and does not extend beyond five days of leave with advanced permission.
4. Provides documentation in the form of a letter or email to the Office of Academic Affairs from the institution inviting the student to attend an externship experience, citing the dates of attendance, the supervising licensed dentist, and whether the student will observe or provide direct patient care.
5. Complies with all the rules and regulations required by the institution.
6. Requests the institution to complete and return an "Extern Evaluation" form on the student.

Contact the Office of Academic Affairs for more information if you are interested in an Extramural Externship experience.

IV. Course Outline

Experiences are arranged by the practice being visited by the student. Official affiliation agreements, if required, must be current and on file for some clinical experiences. Students may not be able to participate in the externship if a current validated affiliation agreement is required by either participating entity and that agreement is not in effect.

V. Course Material

Materials are arranged by the institution being visited by the student.

VI. Course Objectives

The objectives of this elective include (but are not limited to):

1. Develop a mentoring relationship.
 2. Demonstrate professionalism in conduct and communication.
 3. Observe the practice or teaching environment of the visited site.
 4. Utilize active learning strategies such as, critical thinking skills, reflective practice questioning and evidence-based practice.
 5. Employ skills as allowable and applicable to the situation.
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VII. Course Competencies

This course contributes to teaching to the following competencies.

VIII. Evaluation-This elective course is evaluated as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U). The student will be evaluated by the practice setting using the Extern Evaluation Form for this course. Students must receive a 72% or above to receive a Satisfactory(S) grade. Student will receive a Unsatisfactory (U) grade if no form is turned submitted or professional concerns shared by the practicing dentist.

IX. Administrative Practices

Administrative practices for all UFCOD courses are universally applied. Exceptions to or deviations from these practices are stated in the individual syllabi by the course director. When not individually stated in the syllabus, course administrative practices default to those identified under "Administrative Practices" in the ECO sidebar for each electronic syllabus. These practices include: Professional Behavior, Student Responsibilities in the Classroom, Attendance, Dress Code, Email Policy, Tutoring, Academy Honesty and the Student Honor Code, Student Accommodations, Post-exam Review, Grading System, Remediation, Student Evaluation of Instruction, Student Complaints, University Counseling Services and Mental Health Services and Electronic Course Material and Social Media.

X. Grade Scale

The grade scale for this course is Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U).