DEN8290: Private Practice Experience
Fall 2021

Course Description:
This elective course is a student observation experience within a private practice setting, including solo, small group or corporate practices. It is arranged by the student in conjunction with the Office of Academic Affairs. Students do not provide direct patient care in this elective. 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 week long, 1 credit hour experience. Students can petition to retake this course for a maximum total of 3 weeks/ 3 credits.

Do not register for this course if you plan to do an externship at an academic institution or residency program. There is a different, separate course for that type of externship, DEN 8290 Dental Extramural Externship.

Externships can be requested by students in semesters 9-11. These experiences are generally requested by students interested in employment opportunities following graduation. Please allow several weeks in advance to complete all of the steps involved in enrolling in this elective.

This cannot be done after the externship has taken place.

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

I. General Information

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Semester: Fall

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II. Course Goals
The goal of this course is for students to gain additional extramural experience in a private dental office. The purpose for such an experience is often to learn more about potential practice opportunities 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 the activities. This is typically a 1 week long experience and students receive 1 credit hour. Students can repeat this course for a maximum total of 3 weeks/ 3 credit hours. No more than 3 credit hours can be earned in this course.

Externship experiences should occur during breaks. Credit will be issued provided that the student:
1. Is in good academic standing (not currently on academic or conduct probation).
2. Is officially registered with the UF Registrar prior to this elective experience through the Office of Education during any semester, 9 through 11 only.
3. Completes a Request for Planned Leave with the Office of Education.
4. Provides a letter to the Office of Education from the practice setting
   a. inviting the student to attend an externship experience,
   b. citing the dates of attendance,
   c. the supervising licensed dentist, and
   d. indicating the student will only observe patient care.
5. Complies with all the rules and regulations required by the practice setting.
6. Requests the practice setting to complete and return an "Extern Evaluation" form on the student. (Form located in Document folder for this course). No credit will be issued without a completed Extern Evaluation form.

IV. Course Outline
Experiences are arranged by the practice being visited by the student.

V. Course Material
Materials are arranged by the practice 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 environment of the visited site.
4. Utilize active learning strategies such as, critical thinking skills, reflective practice questioning and evidence-based practice

VII. Course 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.
No credit will be issued without a completed Extern Evaluation form from the practice.

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).