COMMUNITY DENTISTRY
(COMD)

Courses

COMD 7031. Professional Ethics. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course provides a deeper understanding of the role that ethics
plays in dental practice through a series of small-group discussions
focused on the resolution of ethical dilemmas. It also provides a more
thorough appreciation of the ethical principles and theory of normative
ethics, as well as an understanding of the importance of dental research
ethics, the role of ethics in the "business" of dentistry, and dentist's role in
addressing social justice issues.

COMD 7050. Preventive Dentistry Clinic. 1.5 Credit Hour.
As part of the junior clinic, this course is for the clinical application of
prior study of Preventive & Community Dentistry, Preventive Methods,
Nutrition, Cariology, Caries Risk Management, and Sophomore Clinic.
With the emphasis on dental caries, it also includes prevention of
gingivitis, oral cancer, and orofacial trauma. Students record preventive
history, diagnosis and document caries, request appropriate lab and
dietary assessments, carry out a caries activity (risk) assessment, write a
preventive plan, and evaluate outcomes.

COMD 8014. Oral Health Care System. 1 Credit Hour.
A series of lectures and panel discussions introduce students to the
structure as well as methods of financing dental care. Concepts of
both traditional and recently evolved forms of dental practice also are
discussed.

COMD 8032. Jurisprudence. 0.5 Credit Hours.
An in-depth review of the Texas Dental Practice Act and the Rules
and Regulations of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners will be
presented as preparation for the Dental Jurisprudence examination
given by the Board. General review of the interface of the law and dental
practice including dental torts, malpractice, partnerships, insurance,
record keeping, and other related legal issues are presented.