

**ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL ANESTHESIA & NITROUS OXIDE  
FOR THE DENTAL HYGIENIST  
FALL 2017**

**October 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 & November 3rd (Nitrous)**

**Course Description**

In response to the rule change permitting dental hygienists to receive an additional credential to administer local anesthesia and nitrous oxide, the University of New England has prepared an exciting, clinically-oriented course for dental hygiene professionals.

In this comprehensive course, the participant will learn the basic concepts of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide administration and then practice the actual techniques for safe, effective administration. Participants will also gain experience in medical history review, vital sign collection, record keeping and patient management.

The course totals **68 contact hours** of classroom and clinical instruction. The clinical component will involve the administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide in a lab setting and on partners as an introductory exercise. The required 50 injections will be administered in the clinical environment under the direct supervision of skilled dentists and with the close guidance of experienced UNE faculty. Participants are expected to work as partners or provide appropriate patients of their own for the clinical sessions.

**Who is Eligible?**

Dental hygienists holding or seeking a Maine license to practice dental hygiene. Participants must hold and present a copy of current CPR certification prior to the beginning of the course. Participants must also take the required UNE HIPAA training.

**Course Location**

All sessions are held at the Westbrook College Campus of the University of New England located at 716 Stevens Avenue, Portland, Maine.

**Course Schedule**

The course will be offered over four consecutive weekends. Lectures are Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Clinics are Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The course totals 68 hours.

**Faculty**

The Dental Hygiene Program has been successfully teaching Pain Control and Local Anesthesia for a number of years to our undergraduate dental hygiene students and to professionals seeking to continue learning. This course will follow that tradition and will be taught by qualified faculty members with extensive experience in dentistry, dental hygiene, and anesthesia administration.

## **Tuition**

The tuition for the course is **\$2,100**, and includes clinical materials. Students are responsible for purchasing the current edition of the required text books, "*Handbook of Local Anesthesia*," **6<sup>th</sup> Edition**, by Stanley Malamed (Mosby) and "*Handbook of Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen Sedation*," **3rd Edition** by Morris Clark and Ann Brunick, which are available through the **UNE Bookstore (Tel: 207/221-4255)**.

## **Cancellations & Refunds**

Early registration is strongly recommended. Due to the limited number of seats available for this course, there is a **\$250 non-refundable deposit**. In the unlikely event of low enrollment, the course may be subject to cancellation. In case of cancellation by UNE, registrants will be notified by phone or by letter and a full tuition refund will be given. Participants who withdraw fewer than 30 days prior to the program will receive a refund less a \$250 processing fee AND less the \$250 non-refundable deposit. No refunds will be given 10 or fewer days prior to the start of the course.

## **Accreditation**

This course meets the requirements set forth by the Maine Board of Dental Examiners. Once the course is completed, candidates for the local anesthesia endorsement to the dental hygiene license must pass a written Board-administered test. Candidates must receive a minimum of 75% on both the exit examination and course grade in order to obtain the nitrous oxide endorsement. UNE cannot be held responsible for successful completion of the Board exam. For further information about the examination process or standards please contact the **Maine Board of Dental Examiners (Tel: 207/287-3333)**.

## **Special Assistance for People with Disabilities or Handicaps**

If you require special services to fully participate in this program, please note so on your registration form at the time of registration or promptly call to let us know your specific request.

## **Registration Information**

A \$250 non-refundable deposit must accompany your registration form, and full payment must be received no later than **September 15, 2017** to hold your spot. Please mail your check or money order (made payable to the University of New England) to:

**University of New England  
Westbrook College of Health Professions  
Office of Continuing Professional Education  
716 Stevens Avenue  
Portland, ME 04103**

To register and pay by credit card, please call the Office of Continuing Professional Education at one of the numbers shown below, or you may fax the registration form with credit card information to (207) 221-4716.

Your registration will be confirmed via letter. Again, early registration is strongly recommended since the class size is limited. If all spaces are filled when your application and deposit are received, we will contact you to ask if you would like your name placed on a waiting list in the event of any cancellations.

## **For further information or questions, please contact the UNE-WCHP Office of Continuing Professional Education:**

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