University of Nevada Las Vegas
School of Dental Medicine

Course Syllabus
PGDE 8503 – Interdisciplinary Seminar
Credit hours: 1  Contact hours: 15

1) GENERAL INFORMATION

a. Course Director: Tanya Al-Talib, DDS, MS
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c. Office location: D-236
d. Office telephone number: 4-2677
e. Department: Orthodontics
f. Designation: Core Curriculum
g. Type: Required
h. Day and Time: Thu., 8-9 AM
i. Location: A-104C

2) COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course addresses the foundation knowledge required by post-doctoral dental residents to become proficient in:

1. Use of the concepts gained in pediatric dentistry, orthodontics, endodontics, periodontology, oral pathology and surgery to comprehensively diagnose and treatment plan patients
2. Be able to work with other specialties to address the comprehensive needs of patients receiving orthodontic treatment
   a. Prerequisites: matriculation into the program and/or at the discretion of the Course Director

3) LEARNING RESOURCES

b. Other: Power-points, course handouts, Web CT, journal articles
4) PARTICIPATING FACULTY:

- Dr. Al-Talib
- Dr. Braun
- Dr. Daccache
- Dr. Herschaft
- Dr. Lemon
- Dr. Lockhart
- Dr. Nelson
- Dr. Woo

5) COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this course, the residents will be able to:
1. Identify interdisciplinary cases needs and address them accordingly
2. Work as a team with specialties as pediatric dentistry, orthodontics, endodontics, oral pathology, periodontics, and surgery to provide patients with a comprehensive treatment.
3. Enhance problem-solving and critical thinking skills in orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, in conjunction with endodontics, periodontology, oral pathology, surgery, forensics and occlusion.
4. Enhance clinical decision-making skills

6) EVALUATION

a. Grading Scale
   - P=Pass
   - F=Fail

b. Posting/Notification of Grades: Grades will be posted on WebCT

c. The UNLV SDM Student Handbook, III: UNLV School of Dental Medicine Student Code of Professional Responsibilities and Appendices outline the professional behavior expected of all predoctoral and postdoctoral students attending UNLV SDM. Failure to act in a professional manner, as determined by faculty, may affect a course grade. Unprofessional conduct may result in failure of the course.
### COURSE SCHEDULE (INSTRUCTIONAL SESSIONS)

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8) SPECIFIC CLASS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

a. Attendance Policy: Punctual attendance is required. Absences will be approved only for reasons of illness or emergencies of the student or immediate family, religious observance, and participation in approved activities, such as those involving national organizations and professional activities. Family reunions, days off for recreation, travel, social events, additional vacation etc. are not reasons for approved absence. Students can be administratively dropped from the class after 4 absences without notification. As a general rule, a student missing a class or examination because of observance of a religious holiday shall have the opportunity to make up missed work. Students must notify the course director of anticipated absences on the first day of class to be assured of this opportunity. Students who represent UNLV at any official extracurricular activity shall also have the opportunity to make up work, but the student must provide official written notification to the course director no less than one week prior to the missed class(es). There will be NO make-up examinations given if you miss a quiz or examination exam for any other reason. You will receive a zero (0) grade for that examination which will be used in the calculation of your final grade.

The methods of evaluation for each module are at the discretion of the module coordinator. For general course policies, see the UNLV School of Dental Medicine Student Handbook.

b. Other Class Specific Policies: It is a faculty member’s discretion and prerogative to determine what is and is not acceptable behavior in his or her classroom (e.g., late arrival, wearing hats). Also, classroom occupants are at the discretion of the instructor (per UNLV General Counsel). In this course, students are expected to present themselves and behave in a professional manner. Students are expected to comply with the dress code appropriate for non-clinical academic settings as detailed in the Student Manual.

NO electronic or recording devices of any kind other than computers are allowed to be operative in any class session. Amongst the devices not allowed is any IPAD, IPOD or Mp3 device, any cell phone, any video recording device, any PDA or any other electronic device not mentioned but possessing the same capabilities. The only exception to this rule is that students may use audio recording devices with the expressed written permission of the course director.

The class schedule is subject to change by the course director in the event of unforeseeable circumstances (such as instructor illness). Students will be notified of any changes by e-mail, announcements on WebCT, or other means.

Course Content: Students will be examined on both verbal and written information given by instructors. This includes materials presented in lectures, discussions, clinical
case studies, assigned readings from journals or textbooks, other assignments, and handouts.

9) UNIVERSITY WIDE POLICIES/PROCEDURES

a. Disability Resource Center
   UNLV complies with the provisions set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, offering reasonable accommodations to qualified students with documented disabilities. Please note that the UNLV Disability Resource Center (DRC) coordinates all accommodations for students with documented disabilities. The DRC is the official office to review and house disability documentation for students, and to provide them with an official Academic Accommodation Plan to present to the faculty if an accommodation is warranted. The DRC strongly encourages faculty to provide accommodations only if and when they are in receipt of said plan. Faculty should not provide students accommodations without being in receipt of this. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the DRC for the coordination of services. The DRC is located on the main campus in the Student Services Complex (SSC), Room 137, and the contact numbers are: VOICE (702) 895-0866, TTY (702) 895-0652, FAX (702) 895-0651. For additional information, please visit: http://drc.unlv.edu. In addition, you will need to promptly inform the UNLV SDM Office of Student Affairs of any determination made by the DRC.

b. Copyright and Fair Use
   The University requires all members of the University Community to familiarize themselves and to follow copyright and fair use requirements. YOUR ARE INDIVIDUALLY AND SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLATIONS OF COPYRIGHT AND FAIR USE LAWS. THE UNIVERSITY WILL NEITHER PROTECT NOR DEFEND YOU NOR ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEE OF STUDENT VIOLATIONS OF FAIR USE LAWS. Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability, as well as disciplinary action under University policies. Additional information can be found at http://provost.unlv.edu/copyright/statements.html

   The information provided to you in this course in the form of handouts, outlines, synopses, PowerPoint presentations, tests, etc. are the intellectual property of the individual faculty. These materials are provided for student use only within the domain of the UNLV School of Dental Medicine. Use of this material by students outside the University setting or distribution of this material to anyone not affiliated with the UNLV SDM constitutes a copyright violation.

c. Observance of Religious Holidays
   As a general rule, a student missing a class or laboratory assignment because of observance of a religious holiday shall have the opportunity to make up missed work. Students must notify the course director of anticipated absences by the last day of late registration to be assured of this opportunity. Faculty may give
students an additional week to complete missed work, but must set a clear deadline. Note: Student who represent UNLV SDM at any official extracurricular activity shall also have the opportunity to make up assignments, but the student must provide official written notification to the instructor no less than one week prior to the missed class (es).

d. Falsification of Documents or Other Information
The UNLV Student Conduct Code and the UNLV School of Dental Medicine prohibits the forgery and falsification of any documents or records. This includes, but is not limited to, the forging, altering, misusing, providing or causing any false information to be entered on ANY University or School of Dental Medicine PRINTED OR ELECTRONIC documents, records (including patient records), or identification cards. The falsification of data, improper assignment of authorship of school work or other scholarly activity, claiming another person’s work as one’s own, unprofessional manipulation of experiments or of research procedures, or misappropriation of research funds will not be tolerated. Commission of any act of forgery or falsification as described will result in disciplinary action and sanctions as stated in the School of Dental Medicine Honor Code.

e. Academic Misconduct
Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the campus community; all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the exceptions of the “Student Academic Misconduct Policy” and are encouraged when faced with choices to always take the ethical path. Students enrolling in UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV’s function as an educational institution. An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism: “Using the words or ideas of another, from the internet or any source, without proper citation of the sources.” For more information regarding the “Student Academic Misconduct Policy” (approved December 9, 2005), go to http://studentlife.unlv.edu/judicial/misconductPolicy.html or the UNLV School of Dental Medicine Student Handbook for more information.

f. E-Mail
By policy, faculty and staff should only e-mail students SDMail accounts. SDMail is the UNLV School of Dental Medicine official e-mail system for students. It is the one of the primary ways students receive official university communication. All UNLV SDM students receive an SDMail account after admission to SDM. As a reminder, sending information by e-mail should be done in an appropriate and professional manner.

g. Consensual Relationships
UNLV prohibits romantic or sexual relationships between members of the university community when one of the individuals involved has direct professional influence or direct authority over the other. For further information, go to http://hr.unlv.edu/Policy/consensual.html.
h. UNLV Writing Center

One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the Writing Center, located in CDC-301. Although walk-in consultations are sometimes available, students with appointments will receive priority assistance. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 895-3908. The student’s Rebel ID Card, a copy of the assignment (if possible), and two copies of any writing to be reviewed are requested for the consultation.

http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/

i. Tutoring

The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides tutoring and academic assistance for all UNLV students taking UNLV courses. Students are encouraged to stop by the ASC to learn more about subjects offered, tutoring times and other academic resources. The ASC is located across from the Student Services Complex, #22 on the current UNLV map. Students may learn more about tutoring services by calling 895-3177 or visiting the tutoring web site at:

http://academicsuccess.unlv.edu/tutoring/

j. Incomplete Grades

The grade of I – Incomplete – can be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed all course work up to the withdrawal date of that semester/session but for reason(s) beyond the student’s control, and acceptable to the instructor, cannot complete the last part of the course, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. A student who receives an I is responsible for making up whatever work was lacking at the end of the semester. If course requirements are not completed within the time indicated, a grade of F will be recorded and the GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete do not register for the course but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the I grade.