



Challenge Exam Information Sheet

10508101 Dental Health Safety

Course Information

<i>Course # Title</i>	10508101 Dental Health Safety
<i>Credits</i>	1
<i>Instructional Area</i>	Dental
<i>Instructional Level</i>	Associate Degree
<i>Division</i>	Health Science

[Click here to review the detailed course outcome summary](#) for this course to determine if you are prepared to take this challenge exam.

Challenge Exam Format

Number/Format of Questions: This prior learning assessment consists of two parts:

34 Multiple Choice Questions
1 point a piece

8 Short Answer Scenario Questions
8 points a piece

Passing Score: 79 Points out of 98 Points
(80 Percent of Total Points)

Time Allowed For Completion: Exam: 90 minutes

Materials Allowed In Testing Room:

Part 1 Multiple Choice: No materials are allowed in the testing room.

Hand in the test and answer sheet when finished.

Part 2: Case Study - Short Answer: Computer is allowed to type out answers for short answer questions.

Computer and printer will be provided by Student Services.

When/How Results Will Be Available:

Results will be emailed to your Northwood Tech email account within one week of taking the exam.

Challenge Exam Guidelines

Understand that Challenge Exams are evaluative, rather than learning, experiences. Results indicate only whether a student has earned credit for prior learning: pass or fail. No score is available, nor is a report of how a student performed on any piece of the exam.

- Prior to taking the challenge exam, you must:
 - ✓ be an admitted student.
 - ✓ pay a non-refundable fee of \$50.
- You may only attempt this Challenge Exam once in a 12-month period.
- The exam may be scheduled before or after the course begins, but must be completed within the first seven calendar days from the course start date.
- Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made to ensure access to academic programs, activities, services and employment in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAA). Students with a documented disability must request accommodations by contacting the campus Accommodation Specialist and following required steps to obtain accommodations at the post-secondary level.
- If you are enrolled in the course and successfully complete the Challenge Exam, you will receive a 100 percent tuition refund for the course.

NOTE: A reduced credit load may affect your financial aid and/or insurance eligibility if you successfully complete a Challenge Exam. Please contact your advisor or the financial aid office for more information.

Challenge Exam Sample Questions – Multiple Choice

Please note, there are also scenario-based questions on the exam.

1. Which of the following is NOT a microbe commonly found in dentistry?
 - a. Bacteria
 - b. Viruses
 - c. Protozoa
 - d. Fungi
2. Which type of infection is a major concern for dental professionals due to its potential for transmission through blood and saliva?
 - a. Hepatitis B
 - b. The common cold
 - c. Influenza
 - d. Chickenpox
3. What does OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogen Standard require dental professionals to do?
 - a. Treat all patients as if they have a bloodborne illness
 - b. Follow specific safety procedures to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens
 - c. Wear masks and gloves at all times while working in the dental office
 - d. Disinfect all surfaces in the dental office every hour
4. What is the first step in reprocessing instruments after a dental procedure?
 - a. Beellow Package the instruments
 - b. Clean the instruments
 - c. Sterilize the instruments
 - d. Store the instruments
5. When should a dental professional wear personal protective equipment (PPE)?
 - a. Only when treating a patient known to have an infectious disease
 - b. When there is a potential for contact with blood or other bodily fluids
 - c. Only when cleaning and sterilizing instruments
 - d. Only when assisting with surgical procedures
6. What is the purpose of an incident report in a dental office?
 - a. To document employee performance evaluations
 - b. To track inventory of dental supplies
 - c. To record details of any accidents, injuries, or exposures
 - d. To schedule patient appointments

7. Which of the following methods is NOT used to sterilize instruments in a dental office?
 - a. Soak in an ultrasonic
 - b. Steam Autoclave
 - c. Chemical sterilants
 - d. Dry heat sterilization

8. What should a dental professional do if they experience a needlestick injury?
 - a. Immediately wash the area with soap and water
 - b. Report the incident to their supervisor
 - c. Seek medical attention, following appropriate post-exposure procedures
 - d. All the above

9. What is the primary purpose of taking a patient's medical and dental history?
 - a. To update the patient's contact information
 - b. To identify any medical conditions or allergies that may affect dental treatment
 - c. To verify the patient's insurance coverage
 - d. To schedule future appointments

Answers: 1 C, 2 A, 3 B, 4 B, 5 B, 6 C, 7 A, 8 D, 9 B