COURSE DESCRIPTION: To provide current information relating to the practice of dental hygiene, with emphasis on refining clinical skills and reviewing current techniques and practices. This course is designed for dental hygienists who have not practiced up to twelve (12) years. The primary goal is to reacquaint the candidate with the basic theory, principles, and procedures of the dental hygiene process of care. Students will gain practice time in clinical procedures to assure sufficient opportunity to develop competence. Once the program is successfully completed, the appropriate Board or agency will be notified of the candidate’s status.

Phase 1: Instructor Assisted Learning/Evaluation (online/correspondence) {16 units/ $800}  
(Before beginning Phase I, the non-refundable $800 investment must be paid in full)

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- Health Histories
- Frequently prescribed drugs
- Antibiotic pre-medication
- Medical Emergencies/ Medically compromised patients

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- Infection Control
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- OSHA

Phase 2: Pre-clinical instrumentation assessment & competencies ($300)  
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(Correspondence & Face-2-Face UTHSC Dunn Dental Clinic)

- Review and assess instrumentation skills on manikin

Phase 3: Clinical Competencies (Face-2-Face UTHSC Dunn Dental Clinic) {8 units~ minimal} ($400)
Review and assess patient treatment skills on live patient(s). Patient(s) are provided by the student. Number of patient experiences will be determined by the clinical faculty member working with the re-entry student. Clinical Competencies will include the following:

- Conducting medical history
- Taking blood pressure
- Periodontal probing & charting
- Prophylaxis (including hand & ultrasonic instrumentation)

**Phase 4: Radiology Competencies (Optional- Face-2-Face UTHSC Dunn Dental Clinic) {8 units~ minimal] ($400)**

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- Expose and mount digital radiographs

To begin phase 3 and/or 4, re-entry student must show evidence of current healthcare provider CPR certification.

Upon satisfactory completion of ALL phases, the Program Chairman will submit a letter to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry or designated state’s board of dentistry verifying the completion of remediation and declaring entry-level clinical competence.

Resources needed (used resources may be available from DH program):


DVD: Precision in Periodontal Instrumentation (2nd edition); Cynthia Biron Leiseca  
www.DHMethEd.com
Register now for RE-ENTRY continuing education course at the UTHSC, Dental Hygiene Dept. by filling out the information below.

Your Name:  
Company:  
Cell phone number:  Fax:  
Address:  
City:  State:  Zip:  
E-Mail:  
Specialty:  Dental Hygienist  Other  

Needs Assessment

Years out of the dental hygiene profession  
Reason left  
Years of practice prior to leaving  
Type of practice experiences  
Reason(s) for returning to the profession  
CE courses recently attended  
CPR certification expiration (enclose a copy of your card)  
Preferred instruments  

3/7/2013
Specific areas of dental hygiene where candidate feels deficient

- Patient assessment
- Radiographs
- Oral Prophylaxis
- Other

Patient education and counseling
- Instrumentation
- Intra/Extra oral examinations

Ethnic Origin (optional):
- White (not Hispanic)
- Black (not Hispanic)
- Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaskan Native

Return this form to:
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Attention: Dental Hygiene Re-entry Program/ Shakita Conklin
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