New Jersey Dental School

Selective-Elective Program

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DEPARTMENT: Community Health
COURSE TITLE: Honors Tutoring Experience

MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE:
The aim of this course is to develop future interest in careers in academic dentistry by providing information about the learning process and careers in academic dentistry along with teaching experiences while providing tutoring to students experiencing academic difficulties.

COURSE CONTENT:
The course will consist of 3 hours of learning seminars, along with hours devoted to providing tutoring to students identified by the Office of Student Affairs as being at-risk academically. Students who have served as volunteer tutors are encouraged to enroll.

OBJECTIVES OF COURSE:
1. Students will be able to identify types of learning situations, understand the role of feedback in the learning process, and what types of feedback are more effective in various learning situations.

2. Students will be able to assess a learning scenario to identify types of knowledge involved, discern where there was a breakdown in processing among the types of memory, and explain what method they could use to improve learning in this situation and why it would be effective.

3. Students will have sufficient information to make an informed decision about careers in academic dentistry

EVALUATION OF STUDENTS:
Students will complete a brief “scenario” type of quiz at the end of the first 2 seminars. Grading is on pass/fail basis. Students’ who do not pass the quiz will not receive selective credit nor will they be permitted to tutor through the program.

Subsequent to tutoring, two tutoring sessions led by course participants will be observed by the course director. Students will be asked to self-evaluate and critique their own performance. Feedback will be provided by the course director concerning their performance and their self-assessment.
**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Number of students: Up to 25  
Day/Time: Varies  
Number of weeks of Program

Number of hours of Program: Didactic 3; Tutoring 10-22 hours  
Total: 13-25  
COURSE DIRECTOR: Dr. Herminio Perez

**LECTURE/SEMINAR SCHEDULE SUMMARY**

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