

Course Specification Student Version

Course Title:	Career Plans
Course Code:	GDC 615
Department:	Dentistry
Program:	Bachelor of Dentistry
College:	Vision College in Riyadh
Institution:	Vision College in Riyadh
Revised:	July 2025

A. Course Identification

1. Credit hours: 2 (2+0+0)
2. Level/year at which this course is offered: Level 12/Year 6
3. Pre-requisites for this course (if any): GDC 612
4. Co-requisites for this course (if any): None

B. Teaching Methods

1	Lecture
2	Assignment

C. Course Description and Objectives

1. Course Description

The course will take place during the second semester of the final year. It is designed to expand the dental student's horizon for future planning about possible and available career options and opportunities after graduation. Lectures and seminars will be conducted during the course. More over invitation of external speakers with different careers in dentistry will be done.

2. Course Main Objective

By the end of this course the student will be able to identify the possible careers options in the dental field.

3. Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Explain the various career paths in dentistry, including private practice, government, hospital-based, and public health dentistry.
- Describe postgraduate study options available in dentistry, both nationally and internationally, and the benefits of advanced specialization.
- Explain the roles and responsibilities associated with academic and research-based careers in dentistry.
- Identify the significance of international institutions and organizations within the field of dentistry.
- Recognize the structure of dental programs and training offered within and outside Saudi Arabia.
- Evaluate different career options in dentistry based on personal interests, goals, and the healthcare needs of communities.
- Develop a career plan that includes short- and long-term objectives for professional growth within chosen dental specialties.

- Analyze the requirements for various dental career paths (e.g., licensing, certifications, postgraduate qualifications).
- Apply research and critical thinking skills to explore trends, advancements, and challenges in various dental specialties.
- Communicate effectively with mentors and professionals in different fields of dentistry to gain insights and guidance.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical considerations related to each dental career path, including patient care and community health.
- Show commitment to lifelong learning and professional development to remain current in dental practices and research.
- Recognize the importance of collaboration and networking with national and international dental organizations to advance one's career.

D. Course Content

No	List of Topics
1	Introduction
2	Postgraduate studies in dentistry
3	Academic dentistry
4	Private based dental practice
5	Governmental based dental practice
6	Hospital based dental practice
7	Public health dentistry
8	Research based practice
9	International institutions and organization
10	Postgraduate studies and programs inside and outside Saudi Arabia
11	Military dentistry

E. Assessment Tools

#	Assessment task	Percentage of Total Assessment Score
1	Assignment project	15%
2	Quizzes	15%
3	Midterm Written Exam	30%
4	Final Written Exam	40%
	Total	100%

F. Learning Resources

Essential References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures by Faculty Members of Different Specialties.
Supportive References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Electronic Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Other Learning Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

