

CDHC Curriculum Outline:

The CDHC training consists of a total of 1872.25 hours of instruction (672.25 didactic, 160 in-person task assessments and 1040 hours of internship). The online curriculum of the CDHC includes the following:

1. The general education aspect in the curriculum includes content at a familiarity level in:
 - Human psychology
 - Social psychology and sociology
 - Diversity, cultures, and religion and their association with health and health practices
 - Behavioral change models
 - Communications
 - Community mobilization and social networking
 - Prevention and complications of substance abuse

2. The biomedical science aspect of the curriculum includes content at the familiarity level in:
 - a. Bloodborne pathogen and hazardous waste contamination standards
 - b. Nutrition, diet, and oral healthcare
 - c. Principles of developing referral and preventive recommendations
 - d. Prevention of dental diseases and conditions

3. The dental sciences aspect of the curriculum includes content at the familiarity level in:
 - Oral/dental physiology and anatomy
 - Oral/dental diseases and conditions
 - Pharmacology
 - Dental materials
 - Oral health/systemic health

4. The clinical sciences aspect of the curriculum includes content at the familiarity level in:
 - General dentistry
 - Foundation of dental public health practice
 - Oral health education
 - Principles of health promotion
 - Principles of scaling
 - Legal and ethical aspects of dentistry
 - Dental emergencies
 - Dental-related environmental hazards
 - Dental informatics (data management in community-based programs, billing and education)
 - Introduction to dental practice management
 - Dental equipment and maintenance