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Course: *Faculty Calibration*

Course Description:

This course will explore strategies for consistent grading with faculty in both clinical and laboratory settings. Learn a variety of approaches to creating sensible grading policies. Review the details involved in creating rubrics that are clear and concise. Discuss varied techniques to calibrate faculty effectively.

Course Objectives:

1. Review the process to create clear and concise grading rubrics.
2. Discuss and review the process of developing effective grading policies.
3. Compare and contrast various techniques to calibrate faculty grading procedures.

Professor Cara Miyasaki, RDA, RDHEF, MS is the Director Emeritus of the Foothill College Dental Assisting Program. She continues to teach part-time in the Dental Assisting and the Dental Hygiene program. Her areas of specialties include chairside assisting, dental materials, law & ethics, coronal polishing, sealants, and dental emergencies. Ms. Miyasaki received her certificate in dental assisting from Foothill College, and her Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene at the University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry. She then went on to complete her Master of Science degree in Oral Biology at her previous alma mater, UCSF, School of Dentistry. Ms. Miyasaki taught at UCSF, Department of Dental Public Health and Hygiene from 1989 to 1991 and served as clinical director of dental hygiene from 1990 - 1991. She joined Foothill College as a full-time faculty in 1991 and semi-retired in 2023. Her publications include the Vital Signs and Medical History chapters of the textbook titled - Dental Hygiene Theory and Practice (Elsevier).

Elizabeth Innes, CDA, RDA, BSDH, has worked in the dental field for the past 18 years. She received her Certificate in Dental Assisting and worked as an RDA in a general and cosmetic practice. She later attended Foothill for her Associate's degree and Bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene in 2020. For over a decade she worked with Tooth Fairy Systems as a lead instructor preparing dental assistants to pass the RDA exam and is a part-time dental assisting instructor at Foothill College. Her areas of expertise are fabricating provisional restorations, radiology, resume writing, dental health education, infection control, and hazardous waste management. She also maintains active membership in CADAT, ADEA, DAEGs, OSAP and serves on the CADAT board of directors. Currently, Lizzie is a training consultant in the areas of HIPAA and infection control, as well as a chairside clinician in private practice.