Rio Salado now offers a certificate of completion in Community Dental Health Coordination for those looking to enhance their skills in dental public health. Classes are online, and focus on dental health coordination, advocacy, intercultural communication and finance, documentation procedures and legal and ethical issues.

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Description:
The Certificate of Completion (CCL) in Community Dental Health Coordination (CDHC) program is designed to provide students with a practical and theoretical basis for assisting in the reduction of disparities in dental health. Courses will cover advocacy, intercultural communication, and finance in addition to dental health coordination, documentation, and reporting procedures. Legal and ethical issues will also be covered.

Required Courses:

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Admission Criteria:

- Ability to fully participate in classroom, laboratory, and clinical setting program activities.
- Complete and submit required MCCCD Non-Academic Allied Health Program Policy documents.
- Submit current Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Level One fingerprint card AND a supplemental background check.
- Applicants who are accepted and enroll in the Community Dental Health Coordination (CDHC) program will be exposed to blood-borne and infectious diseases. The program strictly adheres to established policies and procedures regarding infection control as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Dental Association, The Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- Formal application and acceptance into the Community Dental Health Coordination program is required.

Program Notes:
Students must earn a grade of "C" or better for all courses within the program. * indicates course has prerequisites and/or corequisites.

Program Prerequisites:
Students must be a Registered Dental Hygienist or Certified Dental Assistant. Applicants are required to provide documentation of licensure according to their individual state’s dental practice act.

Program Application
Click here to access the program application.