So you want to be a Public Health Oral Health Practitioner? (Registered dental hygienist, Public health dental hygienist, Certified Public Health DH?)
Fones School of DH
Graduation 1914
Alfred E Fones
“Father of Dental Hygiene”

- **Major role in dental public health**

- **Focus on prevention & community**

- **Outreach to the community for dental awareness and prevention**

- **Coined term dental hygienist**
Fones School of Dental Hygiene

- Irene Newman first DH
- First Dental Hygiene School
- Began in 1913 in Bridgeport Conn
- Today w/in University of Bridgeport
NHTI-Concord’s CC
Graduation 2014
American Dental Association

- They are the gatekeepers to the DH profession
- Serve to protect the public

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

- They set curriculum standards and hold DH Programs to them
- Graduates must be clinically safe, competent, and ethical
- It is the faculty’s responsibility to safeguard the public by graduating competent DHs who meet CODA standards
A.S. in DH Curriculum

- **Fall Semester – Year One**
  - Anatomy and Physiology I
  - Introduction to Biochemistry
  - Dental Hygiene I
  - Clinical Dental Hygiene I
  - Oral Anatomy I
  - English Composition

- **Spring Semester – Year One**
  - Anatomy and Physiology II
  - Dental Hygiene II
  - Clinical Dental Hygiene II
  - Oral Anatomy II
  - Dental Radiology for Dental Hygiene
  - Math for Allied Health or Math Elective
Summer Semester – Year One

Microbiology
Dental Materials for Dental Hygiene
Dental Hygiene III
Pain Management for the Dental Hygienist
A.S. in DH Curriculum

- **Fall Semester – Year Two**
  - Nutrition
  - Clinical Dental Hygiene III
  - Community Dental Health I
  - Dental Hygiene Science - Pharmacology
  - Dental Hygiene Science - Oral Pathology
  - Introduction to Psychology

- **Spring Semester – Year Two**
  - Communications
  - Clinical Dental Hygiene IV
  - Dental Hygiene Community Clinic*
  - Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence
  - Community Dental Health II
  - Introduction to Sociology
  - Elective: Humanities/Fine Arts/Foreign Language
Examinations

- National Board exam – written

- ADEX regional clinical and written exam (administered by the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners)

- State of NH Jurisprudence exam – written

- Apply to NHBODE for license to practice in NH
Public Health Dental Hygienist

- RDHs who work in alternative delivery settings under the supervision of an actively licensed NH dentist
- “Public Health Supervision” status from NHBODE
- Supervising dentist required to review patient records once in a 12 month period
Certified PHDH

Established by NH Legislature in 2012

- Need to meet qualifications as outlined NH Dental Practice Act to include (*but not all inclusive)*:
  - 3200 hrs as a practicing RDH
  - **Additional core courses:**
    - Evidence based dentistry
    - Infection control in Alternative Dental Settings
    - Medical Records Management
    - Medical Management of Clients in Alternative settings
    - Caries stabilization
  - Apply to NHBODE for Certification
Certified Public Health DH

A.S. degree in DH from ADA CODA Program
CCSNH = 7 colleges

NHTI, Concord’s Community College
* Allied Dental Education Department (DH and DA Programs)
* Academic Program of Study = A.S.D.H
  (Refer to last page for curriculum)
* Director w/full-time Faculty/Adjuncts.

Workforce Development Department
* Business and Training Center
* No academic programs
* Customized training for the workforce
  (not funded by CCSNH)
* Director for all workplace continuing education
* Dental Professional Program Coordinator
* Instructors from anywhere—meet criteria of NHBODE
  * Director of Allied Dental Education=input/recommendations

Graduate from DH Program
* National Board Exam (written)
* American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) [Clinical and Written]
  * NH Jurisprudence Exam
* Apply for & obtain license to practice DH in NH from NHBODE

*NHBODE reviews application—grants license

* Core Courses for CPHDH
  Non-credit—earnCEU’s
The End