

EDHF-CEF Curriculum consultation

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Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? Yes

If yes, please state the name of the organisation: President of The Finnish Federation of Oral Health Care Professionals

Is the approach adopted by the Framework appropriate? Choose a response

Comment:

The curriculum is understandable and logical as whole.

Is the Domain structure appropriate? Choose a response

Comment:

Yes very good.

Do you have any specific comments on the paper “Domain I – Professionalism”?

Choose a response

Comment:

All this is very important and I especially think that dental hygienists must establish and maintain good relationships with patients and colleagues and treat each person as an individual.

Do you have any specific comments on the paper “Domain II – Safe and Effective Clinical Practice”?

Choose a response

Comment: Some issues could be described more as follows:
Evidence based dental care

A graduating Dental Hygienist must be able to:

- participate in development and research processes
- know how to carry out data searches using the most common databases
- read and critically evaluate scientific publications considering dental health care and hygiene
- understand the concept of evidence-based practice and its importance in dental health care
- recognize and critically evaluate actions and guidelines/policies

Patient education and teaching

A graduating Dental Hygienist must be able to:

- understand the pedagogical bases of education and teaching and their significance in education and teaching
- utilize patient-centred education and teaching methods appropriate to the situation

Management and leadership

A graduating Dental Hygienist must be able to:

- understand the meaning of leadership/ management in dental health care work places
- understand the entrepreneurship in dental health care and its role as part of the service system
- co-ordinate the patient’s overall dental care according to one’s responsibility
- understand the meaning of changes in dental health care and can act in changing situations according to one’s responsibility

Especially benchmarking processes for teaching of pre-clinical operative skills are very important.

Do you have any specific comments on the paper “Domain III – Patient-centred Care”?

Choose a response

Comment:

Good. Dental hygienists must be aware of the scientific basis that underpins the treatment they provide. Establishing and maintaining Oral Health are important.

Do you have any specific comments on the paper “Domain IV – Oral Health in Society”?

Choose a response

Comment:

It is vitally important that Dental hygienists advocate for general and oral health. Public Oral health and Health promotion are important.

Do you foresee any barriers to implementing the new updated suite of documents?

Choose a response

Comment:

No I do not.

Any further considerations?

Choose a response

Comment:

It is very important, that the Dental hygienists training is standardised in Europe. We are happy to say, that in Finland our training is rather good, the bachelors degrees 3.5 years representing 210 credits.

We are the biggest Oral Health care federation in Finland and we Thank you, that we could give you our comments for this important questions. In the future we are also very pleased to give you our comments. And if we can hope not in July, in Finland we all have holiday then.

Thank you for your time and insight

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