

# Professional Development Experiences

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**Date/Time/Location:** Monday, 9/14/09, 8-9 am, room G314 (orientation)

*After orientation, students schedule according to the events they plan to participate in through April 1, 2010.*

## **Course Description:**

To expose and acquaint dental students with learning opportunities outside of the standard dental school curriculum in areas of their interest in order to foster and promote life-long learning skills.

Students will choose learning opportunities based on their professional interests. Examples of learning opportunities include:

- attending a CE course, presenting research results at a conference
- attending a graduate level seminar
- participating in a study club (ie, local journal club)
- attending a dental conference (poster or oral session)
- teaching experiences

The course director will provide a list of sample activities at the orientation session; however, students are not limited to participation in the listed activities. The course director will be available to assist with identifying activities.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Method(s) of Evaluation:** Evaluation is via participation validated two ways:

- 1) Evidence of attendance by
  - a) Certificate
  - b) Copy of attendance sheet
  - c) Signed statement from seminar presenter, speaker sponsor, or research mentor
- 2) A brief discussion of the activity and what was learned.

**Method of Grading:** Pass/fail\*\*

**\*\*The student assumes the responsibility of presenting evidence of participation subject to validation by the course director. One hour of credit will be given per activity, irrespective of its duration, and activities must entail different experiences.**