

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28, 2003

TO: James Holsinger, Chancellor  
Deans, Department Chairs and Members of the University Senate

FROM: Leon Assael, D.M.D., Dean  
College of Dentistry

RE: Curriculum Change Proposal

The Curriculum Committee, acting on behalf of the Faculty Council of the College of Dentistry, has approved and submits for your consideration and approval the applications for the following courses:

### **New Course**

*The following course is a required course:*

#### **RSD 835 – Advanced Esthetics in Restorative Dentistry**

Proposed Contact Hours: 16 lecture hours, 27 laboratory hours

Proposed Credit Hours: 2

Proposed Course Description: This course is designed to introduce current concepts in esthetic restorative dentistry to undergraduate dental students in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The techniques presented will build upon previously developed restorative didactic and clinical knowledge, but incorporate additional dental techniques and materials developed specifically for esthetic dentistry. Current dental materials being used by this discipline will be discussed as they apply to specific topics. Lecture, 16 hours. Laboratory, 27 hours. Prerequisites: RSD 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 821, 822, 823/825, 824, 826 and 827.

Justification: The current curriculum does not include didactics and/or clinical sessions specifically dedicated to esthetic dentistry beyond the most basic restorative procedures. Feedback from recent graduates of UKCD place a high demand on these techniques once they enter practice and highly suggest this area be added to the present curriculum.

The College of Dentistry curriculum does not have a required number of credit or contact hours for graduation; the graduation requirement states that “a student will be eligible for graduation when all courses have been completed.” The course has been piloted successfully, and the COD Curriculum Committee has reviewed the impact of the addition of this course. The Committee feels that it does not impose an undue burden on students because other course hours have been reduced.

### **Major Course Change**

*The following course is a required course:*

## **CDE 844 – Dental Practice Management II**

Description of Course Change: New course description to appear in the University Bulletin; change credit hours from 7 to 4, based on change in overall contact hours.

Current Contact Hours: 69 lecture hours, 147 laboratory hours

Proposed Contact Hours: 69 lecture hours

Current Credit Hours: 7                      Proposed Credit Hours: 4

Current Course Description: This course will provide fourth-year dental students with information needed to establish, manage and maintain a vital dental practice. Recognizing that the career goals of students vary, the course material will encompass a broad range of management principles. This course also includes a seven-week clinical rotation in dental auxiliary utilization. Lecture, 69 hours. Clinic, 147 hours. Prerequisite: CDE 830 or consent of course director.

Proposed Course Description: This course is primarily designed to give the student dentists, prior to graduation, practical, useful knowledge on establishing and maintaining a private dental practice. The course will be presented in an active learning format. Course sessions and activities will also include special sessions designed to introduce students to the current environment of dental practice, to organized dentistry in Kentucky, to the College's Alumni Association and to new developments and continuing education in the dental profession. Lecture, 69 hours. Prerequisite: CDE 830 or consent of course director.

Justification: The clinical portion of this course has been eliminated. CDE 844 will be combined with a pilot course, CDS 840A.