Dental Assisting Curriculum Example

The dentalcare.com CE library offers over 150 courses that can be used in conjunction with your dental assisting curriculum. The guide below recommends courses to assign, using the curriculum of a leading dental assisting program as an example. For more information about creating assignments, please go to the Faculty Resources section of dentalcare.com.

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• Arch Implant Prostheses: Part - I Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (CE612) – Coming Soon  
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• Community-based Dental Care: An Alternative Approach to Improve Access to Dental Providers (CE552)  
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• Forensic Odontology - Part I (CE503)  
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• Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464)  
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• The Dental Professional's Role in the Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance and Adverse Antibiotic Reactions (CE614)  
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• Tobacco and Nicotine Products: The Times They Are A'Changing (CE606) |
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