Smile IT'S PUBLIC HEALTH:
SAVING LIVES, ONE SMILE AT A TIME.

Oral health is the foundation of overall well-being, impacting everything from our nutrition to our confidence. Without proper care, oral issues can lead to serious health problems, making regular dental care a necessity, not a luxury. Everyone deserves the chance to maintain a healthy smile and, with it, a healthy life.

This course offers an in-depth exploration of the critical connections between public health, oral health, and overall health, focusing on ensuring that public health initiatives provide the same high-quality care as private health services. Participants will learn how to implement public health strategies that reduce oral health disparities while enhancing patient care through innovative approaches such as mobile, community, and school-based clinics.

The course emphasizes the importance of medical-dental integration and interprofessional teamwork in delivering comprehensive care. It highlights the crucial role of oral health professionals in screening for a variety of health concerns, including behavioral and mental health, and the importance of effectively communicating these findings with other health providers to ensure coordinated care.

By attending this course, you will gain practical insights into how collaboration between public health, dental, and medical teams can lead to more effective care. These insights will not only equip you with the knowledge and tools necessary to make a meaningful impact on public health but also inspire you to take action. Additionally, the course touches on strategies for securing funding and forming partnerships to support the delivery of minimally invasive and preventive care to underserved populations. Designed for dental and public health professionals, this course empowers participants to make a meaningful impact in public health through integrated health initiatives.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- **Empower Community Health through Education:** Learn to create and implement educational programs that raise awareness about the critical role of oral health in overall health, fostering a culture of prevention within communities.
- **Promote Holistic Health Screenings:** Explore the role of oral health professionals in conducting screenings for a wide range of health concerns, including behavioral, mental, and physical health, and learn effective communication strategies with other health providers.
- **Innovate with Integrated Care Models:** Analyze innovative care delivery models, such as mobile clinics and school-based programs, that exemplify the potential of medical-dental integration in reducing health disparities.
- **Build Effective Partnerships:** Identify strategies for forming partnerships and securing grants that support public health initiatives, ensuring that underserved populations receive the same quality of care as those in private health systems.
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Suggested Audience:
Dental and Medical Professionals and Students

Suggested Format:
Partial Day;
Lecture, Workshop, Keynote