

Meet the Presenters & Staff of Summer Camp Amelia Island



Cynthia Biron, RDH EMT, MA Ed

President of DH Methods of Education, Inc. Cindy Biron was Professor and Chair of the Tallahassee Community College Dental Health Programs from 1993 - 2009. In addition to her administrative duties as chairperson, she has taught clinical dental hygiene, dental hygiene theory, periodontology, medical emergencies and allied health pharmacology. She has taught continuing education courses throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and Australia, for private practitioners and dental educators. She is currently an adjunct clinical instructor in the Dental Hygiene Program at Tallahassee Community College, FL

Cindy has over thirty years of sound, hands on experience in private practice dental hygiene in general dentistry and periodontal offices, emergency medicine and dental professions education. She received an A.S. Degree in Dental Hygiene from New Hampshire Technical Institute, a B.A. degree in Medical Technology and Human Biology from Notre Dame College in NH, a certification as an Emergency Medical Technician from The University of Texas Health Science Center, and an M.A. Ed in Adult Higher Education from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

She was also a full-time professor at New Hampshire Technical Institute and at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, TX. Cindy is a contributing author to the textbooks, *"Fundamentals of Periodontal Instrumentation & Advanced Root Instrumentation"*, by Jill S. Gehrig, *"Patient Assessment Tutorials for Dental Hygienists"* by Jill S. Gehrig and *"Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist"* by Esther Wilkins, and is also co-author of *"Dental Office Medical Emergencies"* with Timothy Meiller, Richard Wynn, and Harold Crossley. Cindy has served as a columnist and consulting editor for RDH Magazine since 1992. She has produced three instructional videos *"Precision in Periodontal Instrumentation"*, *"Precision in Periodontal Instrumentation 2nd edition"*, *"A Focus on Fulcrums"*, and the *"DH Clinic Key"* an encrypted flash drive of videos, quick references and national board reviews for dental hygiene and the video *DH Corroborative Error Practicum Faculty Clinical Calibration*

She invented the Porta Sim Stand (sold by Kilgore International) to secure dental manikins for student training, the Sharpening Horse for sharpening dental instruments, and the computerized grading system "TalEval" for dental assisting and dental hygiene programs clinical grading and outcomes assessment and CODA exhibit reports. She has also had great success with her "Summer, Fall & Winter Camps" on accreditation, teaching methodology and periodontal instrumentation which have been held at Tallahassee CC 2003, Nova Southeastern U 2005., University of TN at Memphis 2006, Salt Lake CC, Harrisburg Area CC, College of Southern Nevada 2007, Summer Camp Mesa Community College, AZ 2007. Winter Camps Jacksonville, FL 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, and Summer Camp Boston, MA 2008, 2009, 2010, Fall Camp Las Vegas 2010, Winter & Summer Camp Amelia Island 2011 - 2019, Summer Camp Santa Ana, CA 2011, Winter Camp Sydney & Adelaide, Australia 2011, Fall Camp Collin College McKinney TX 2011, and TN State University.



Roberta Brown CDA, RDH, MS

Presenter of "How to Teach Dental Materials", How to Teach Community Dentistry" "How to Teach Radiology" Bobbie graduated with an AAS in dental assisting from Penn Valley Community College quickly followed by a BS in dental hygiene from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. After twenty-five years as a clinical dental hygienist she returned to UMKC as a distance learner to earn her MS in dental hygiene education. Her graduate research, on service-learning, was accepted for publication by the Journal of Dental Education. She accepted a full-time position at Lewis and Clark Community College, in Godfrey Illinois, in August of 2008 where she is an Assistant Professor. The program at Lewis and Clark is a 1 + 1 program and Bobbie teaches both dental assisting and dental hygiene students in a wide variety of courses including, dental materials, radiology, periodontics, community oral health, dental specialties, and office management. Her interest in distance education prompted further study that culminated in earning the Master Online Teacher certification from the University of Illinois in June of 2014. All of her courses are

web-enhanced and she also designed and teaches the first web-blended (hybrid) course in the dental assisting curriculum at Lewis and Clark. Bobbie is active in her professional association and is currently Delegation Chair for the Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association. Bobbie has been presenting for DH Methods of Education, Inc. Summer Camp since 2014.



Allison K. Buchanan DMD, MS

Presenter: Radiology Educator's Workshop Dr. Buchanan is a Board Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologist. Dr. Buchanan received her dental degree from the Medical College of Georgia, School of Dentistry and completed her residency training in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Dr. Buchanan also received her Master of Science degree from San Antonio.

Dr. Buchanan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Oral Health & Diagnostic Sciences at Georgia Regents University (GRU), College of Dental Medicine (CDM). At GRU CDM, she teaches at both the predoctoral and graduate levels and provides a cone beam computed tomography overread referral service for both local and remote practitioners. Her research interests include cone beam computed tomography and digital radiography. Dr. Buchanan has been presenting at Summer Camp Amelia Island since 2012.

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Christine A. Dominick, CDA, RDH, M. Oc. Ed

Presenter of "DA Accreditation Workshop" and Co-Presenter of "How to Teach Peri dental Instrumentation." Christine has 46 years of experience in the dental field with more than 25 years devoted to dental hygiene and dental assisting education. During her clinical work she became a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) and enjoyed combining this with dental hygiene. She began her accreditation experience at New Hampshire Technical College, Concord's Community College at its inception and continued her challenges by starting the Mount Ida College dental hygiene program that opened its doors in 1999. At this time she was trained to be a site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and worked in this capacity for 6 years. Much experience and knowledge has been acquired over the years with all facets of accreditation of dental programs. Christine is also a consultant examiner for the North East Regional Board (NERB). She is currently Professor and Associate Dean of Dental Hygiene at the Forsyth School of Dental

Hygiene at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science University at the Worcester, MA location.

Christine has been a presenter in DH Methods of Education, Inc. camps since 2005. Dental Assisting attendees rave about her leadership in accreditation for the dental assisting profession.

The views of the presenter do not necessarily reflect the view of MCPHS University where she is employed.



Presenter of “How to Teach Histology & Embryology” and Co-presenter in “How to Teach Management of Special Needs Patients and Management of Medical Emergencies”. Lane is an Associate Professor in the Dental Health Programs at Tallahassee Community College. In addition to her certificate in Dental Assisting and AS Degree in Dental Hygiene, Lane has a BS degree in Biology from Florida State University. Her teaching responsibilities include Clinical Dental Hygiene, Histology & Embryology, Clinical Dental Assisting, Dental Materials, Dental Specialties, Community Dentistry, and Medical Emergencies.

She has participated in the development of TalEval, a computerized grading system for dental hygiene and dental assisting schools.

Lane is the author of the Medical Emergencies Chapter in the current edition of Esther Wilkins textbook, *“Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist”*. Lane has been teaching in DH Methods of Education, Inc. camps in various cities since 2006.

Lane Foreman, CDA, CRDH, BS



Presenter of “How to Teach Pharmacology” Gwen has been in academia for 24 years and a practicing hygienist for 35 years. She has taught in a variety of clinical and public health settings. She teaches at both the associate and baccalaureate levels at the University of New Haven. She currently teaches Pharmacology and Pain Management, Periodontology, Local Anesthesia Laboratory, and Principles of Communication for Health Professionals. Other areas of teaching experience include: Dental Hygiene Research, Dental Public Health, Local Anesthesia, and mentoring degree completion student projects and internships.

She has developed a course in accordance with the Connecticut Dental Hygiene Practice Act, to educate registered dental hygienists in the certification of Local Anesthesia. Her professional speaking engagements included invitations from Old Dominion University and the University of Maryland to present the Local Anesthesia certification course to faculty.

She co-authored, *DH Notes: A Dental Hygienists’ Chairsides Pocket Guide (2017)* and a chapter titled *“Local Anesthesia and Pain Management” Dental Hygiene: Application to Clinical Practice. R. Henry, M. Perno Goldie. 2016*

In 2017, Gwen received appointment to the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) as a dental hygiene examiner.

Gwen Grosso, RDH, MS



Co-presenter in the “Hands-on session of Radiology Educator’s Workshop” Renee’ Graham is the Global Clinical Educator II for DENTSPLY Sirona covering the European Regions. She received a dental hygiene degree from Darton State College and both a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Education degree from Valdosta State University. Renee’ brings 19 years of clinical experience in general and periodontal practices and 11 years of academic experience to the Division. For ten of the eleven years she held the position of Director of Dental Programs at Valdosta Technical College in Valdosta, Georgia.

Renee’ has served as a site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation and was active with regional testing agencies, the Georgia Dental Hygiene Educators’ Association, and dental hygiene/dental assisting curriculum development for the State of Georgia. She is a member of ADHA, IFDH, and GDHA. She lectures and trains regionally, nationally and internationally.

Renee’ Graham, RDH, MS



Co-presenter: “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation” Cristina Lekas has been actively involved in dentistry for 30 years. Currently she teaches as a part time instructor in clinical dental hygiene at Central Georgia Technical College in Macon, GA.

Previously Cristina taught at Tallahassee Community College Dental Health Programs under the mentoring and tutelage of Cindy Biron.

Her journey has been challenging and inspiring. Now in GA she uses her years of practice to promote a more critical thinking and activity based teaching environment for her students.

Cristina is a team presenter in the camp in the hands-on workshop, “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation” and also works on the administrative staff of DH Methods of Education, Inc.

Cristina Lekas, CDA, RDH, BA Sc

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Robin Blatt Matloff, RDH, BSDH,
served as Program Director from 2003-2007. She became a CODA examiner in 2004.

Presenter of “How to Teach Ethics” and “How to Teach DH Preclinic”, Co-presenter in “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation” and “DH Clinical Calibration” Robin graduated from Westbrook College (currently University of New England) in Portland, Maine with her AS degree in Dental Hygiene and University of Rhode Island with her BS in Dental Hygiene, with a Specialty in Health Education. She was EFDA (Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary) trained at University of Pennsylvania Dental School in 1981. She also graduated from University of New England School of Law in 1986 with a JD in Law.

Robin’s career spans over thirty-four years of clinical and teaching experience. She has been a full-time faculty member and taught both didactic and clinical courses at Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene in Boston MA, as well as Quinsigamond Community College, in Worcester, MA. Robin began teaching at Mount Ida College in Newton MA, where she

Robin was First-Year Clinic Coordinator at Mount Ida College. She taught Pre-Clinic and Clinic 1. She coordinated and taught Medical Emergencies Lecture and Lab, as well as Dental Ethics and Practice Management. She was a clinical instructor in the Pain Management/Local Anesthesia Lab. She has presented training courses for graduate Dental Hygienists at Mount Ida College, in Local Anesthesia, since August of 2005, the year that it became a delegable duty for Dental Hygienists in the state of Massachusetts.

Robin has lectured for the Massachusetts Dental Society on various topics. She has also presented numerous lectures at the Yankee Dental Congress over the years, which is the fifth largest Dental Convention, held yearly in Boston, Massachusetts. She was granted Tenure at Mount Ida College in May of 2005. Robin retired from her position at Mount Ida College in 2018, the same year the Dental Hygiene Program was transferred to Regis College in Massachusetts.

Robin serves as a consultant for DH Methods of Education, Inc. and provides in-services on TalEval Computerized Clinical Grading. She has been a presenter at camps in various cities since 2007.



Presenter: “How to Teach Oral Pathology”, “How to Teach Local Anesthesia” and “How to Teach Oral Anatomy”

Brent Molen has been teaching dental hygiene students since 2008. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in Education from the University of Phoenix, as well as other degrees from Utah Valley State College, Idaho State University and the Utah College of Dental Hygiene.

Brent currently serves as a permanent Board Member and as President and Director of the dental hygiene program at the Utah College of Dental Hygiene (UCDH) in Orem, Utah. He has taught Dental Morphology, Dental Embryology & Histology, Dental Materials, National Board Review, Professional Dental Hygiene IV, Educational Concepts, and Professional Dental Hygiene I - Expanded Functions. Brent has also served as a clinical instructor for first and second year dental hygiene students as well as a clinical local anesthesia instructor.

Brent K. Molen, RDH MA Ed Brent has been working in the dental field for more than twenty eight years. His first job in the dental field was as a teenager at Snow Mountain Orthodontic Laboratory in Provo, Utah. Since

then, he has worked as an instructor for a dental assisting program, as a dental laboratory technician, a dental laboratory owner (DentOvations Dental Lab), a joint owner of two dental practices (The Mall Dental Group and Hollywood Dental for Kids), a dental front office manager, a pediatric surgical center/O.R. dental assistant, and as a dental hygienist/dental hygiene instructor/educator.

Brent has been the Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) School Coordinator at the Utah College of Dental Hygiene since 2008. He has contributed various copyright free illustrations and how-to guides into the medical/dental education online forums featuring his work as a medical/dental illustrator. In 2012 Brent was presented with the Instructor of The Year Award from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and has volunteered as a Team Leader conducting accreditation site visits for ACCSC since 2008.

Brent has been a presenter in Summer Camp Amelia Island since 2015.



Theodore Jon Neal

Event Coordinator for Summer Camp Amelia Island In addition to his role as Event Coordinator at *Summer Camp Amelia Island*, Theodore (Ted), is the webmaster of the **DH Methods of Education, Inc.** web-site. He designs and manages the online store for registration and the purchases of educational products.

Ted is usually the first one camp attendees meet when they check in at the registration desk. He prepares all the copyright agreements, certificates and other documents for camp and organizes the classes and lunch reservations and oversees the entire event. Ted is your go to person with questions about courses, class locations, lunches and tourist activities and restaurants when you are at camp.

When not working on the details of the website and the camp, Ted is the Purchasing Agent for three different design firms in the Boston, MA area: Elizabeth Schwartz Interiors; Wilson Kelsey Design; and Woodman Design Studio. Ted has been with DH Methods of Education, Inc. since 2012.



Megan Olson, CDA, CRDH M Ed

Presenter: “How to Teach Oral Anatomy” and “How to Teach Pharmacology” Megan received a BS degree in Management Information Systems from Florida State University in 2003. In 2006, she received an AS degree in Dental Hygiene from Tallahassee Community College. She received her Certified Dental Assistant certificate in 2008. She received her M Ed in Higher Education and Leadership from Northcentral University in 2018.

In 2007, she began her teaching career in the Dental Health programs at Tallahassee Community College. Megan teaches Oral Anatomy and Local Anesthesia /Pain Control and Pharmacology. In 2012, when the Florida Board of Dentistry passed the law for dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia, she developed the local anesthesia course for dental hygiene students, and she presented continuing education courses in local anesthesia to graduated dental hygienists. She team teaches dental hygiene first year clinic, dental hygiene preclinic lab, dental hygiene periodontology clinic, dental hygiene second year clinics, dental materials lab, and dental assisting preclinic. Megan has taught periodontal

instrumentation to dental hygiene faculty at in-services held at community colleges and universities around the United States. She has also taught periodontal instrumentation at the Jacksonville, FL Winter Camp, Amelia Island Summer Camps and Adelaide & Sydney, Australia Winter Camp. She has participated in the development of TalEval, a computerized grading system for dental hygiene and dental assisting schools. In addition to teaching, Megan works in private practice in the Tallahassee, FL area.



Melissa Olson CDA, RDH, M Ed

Presenter: “How to Teach Preclinic” Melissa received a BS degree in Management Information Systems from Florida State University in 2003 and received an AS degree in Dental Hygiene from Tallahassee Community College in 2006. In 2008, she obtained her Certified Dental Assistant certificate. She received her MA Ed for higher education and Leadership from Northcentral University in 2018. After graduating from Tallahassee Community College, Melissa worked in private practice. Melissa began her teaching career in 2007 and is currently an Associate Professor and Dental Health Programs Chair at Tallahassee Community College, she is the First Year Dental Hygiene Clinic Coordinator, and she teaches the didactic and lab courses for Preclinic and the didactic and clinic courses for Clinic I. Her teaching experiences have included Oral Anatomy, Oral Anatomy Lab, Radiology Lab, Periodontology Clinic, Clinic II, Clinic III, and Dental Assisting Preclinic and Expanded Functions Labs. She has taught in the Local Anesthesia for Dental Hygienist continuing education course. Melissa also participated

in the development of TalEval, a computerized grading system for dental hygiene and dental assisting schools. Melissa has taught “How to Teach Oral Anatomy”, “How to Teach Dental Hygiene Preclinic”, and periodontal instrumentation at in-services held at schools across the United States and taught periodontal instrumentation in the Jacksonville, Florida Winter Camp and Amelia Island Summer Camps and also at the Sydney & Adelaide, Australia Winter Camp.



John W. Preece DDS, MS

Lead Presenter: “Radiology Educator’s Workshop” Dr. Preece received his DDS from Northwestern University Dental School in Chicago, Ill. and his MS from the University of Alabama, School of Dentistry in Birmingham. He is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Dental Diagnostic Sciences and the Dental Hygiene and Dental Laboratory Technology Departments in the School of Allied Health Sciences at The University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio, and has consulting faculty appointment to Austin Community College's Dental Hygiene Program.

Previous faculty appointments include: The University of North Carolina, School of Dentistry [1970-75], Northwestern University Dental School [1967]. Previous administrative appointments include: Associate Dean, School of Allied Health Sciences; Interim Dean, School of Allied Health Sciences; Interim Dean of Department of Dental Diagnostic Sciences.

Dr. Preece has certification from the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

[AAOMR] and Diplomate of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology [ABOMR]. He is a member of the American Dental Association and the International Association of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology [IADMFR].

He is a former consultant to the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation for Allied Programs.

Dr. Preece is also a member of The Dental Honor Society, and Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society, His awards are too numerous to list in this article, but some of them include the: Minnie S. Piper - Professor of the Year Award for Teaching Excellence, and election to the MuNu Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon.

Dr. Preece has been a presenter at DH Methods of Education, Inc. since 2011.



Kelly Simon, IT AV

IT and AV Technician Kelly Simon provides internet, computer technology and audio visual support for all the classes in Summer Camp Amelia Island. He assists with other operations of the camp such as registration and administrative responsibilities whenever and wherever he is needed. Kelly is married to Lorinda Simon who teaches in the camp and also serves on the DH Methods of Education, Inc. staff. Lorinda and Kelly Simon are the only married couple in the camp family and they are always nearby for attendees and camp faculty and staff, ready to answer questions and assist with our needs.

When Kelly is not working for Summer Camp Amelia Island he has a full time position at Florida State University as a “Systems Administrator” for the IT AV needs of the university.

Kelly came on board with DH Methods of Education, Inc. in Summer Camp Amelia Island in 2018.

DH Methods of Education, Inc. Executive Administrator and Co-presenter: “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation” Lorinda

is a practicing CDA and RDH and Office Manager in general dentistry in Tallahassee, FL. She also teaches in dental assisting clinic, dental hygiene clinic and dental materials lab at Tallahassee Community College, FL. She received an AS in Dental Hygiene from Tallahassee Community College in 2001 and a BS in Health Science from Nova Southeastern University in 2017. She is currently pursuing her Masters of Science degree in Organizational Leadership at Nova Southeastern University .

Lorinda also participated in the development of TalEval, a computerized grading system for dental hygiene and dental assisting schools. She provides TalEval training in-services at dental hygiene schools.

She has taught in the “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation” workshops in various camp cities since 2007. Lorinda also serves as an administrator on the DH Methods of Education, Inc. staff.



Lorinda Simon CDA, CRDH, BS



Presenter: “How to Teach Nutrition” Co-presenter: “DA Accreditation Workshop” and “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation” Rebecca (Becky) Sroda is Former Dean of Allied Health and Director of Dental Education at South Florida State College.

Becky received her BS in Dental Hygiene from the University of Detroit in 1974 and worked in various clinical practices for six years before giving in to a strong yearning to teach. She continued her education, earning her MS in Dental Hygiene from the University of Michigan in 1980, and has been teaching in various capacities ever since. Her clinical practice has been varied and diverse; general and periodontal practices in Michigan and South Carolina, a Veteran’s Hospital, and Rehabilitation Center.

Rebecca Sroda, CDA, RDH, MS Educational affiliations; University of Detroit – Department of Periodontics, Oakland Community College, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Asheville-Buncombe Technical College, and South Florida Community College

Becky has taught pre-clinic instrumentation for 20 years and advanced instrumentation for 15, using the methods in Jill Gehrig’s “Instrumentation for the Dental Hygienist” textbook and those used at the DH Methods of Education, Inc. Boot Camp.

Becky is a published author and just completed the 2nd edition of her textbook titled “Nutrition for a Healthy Mouth” , contributes three chapters to “Periodontics for the Dental Hygienist” by Jill S. Nield-Gehrig, and co-author (with Jill Gehrig) of the chapter on Instrumentation in the Mosby DH Review text.

You may recognize Becky as the clinician in the textbook “Fundamentals of Periodontal Instrumentation and Advance Root Instrumentation” and its accompanying video, both by Jill S. Nield-Gehrig, Becky Sroda, and Darlene Sacuzzio.

Becky has been a presenter in the DH Methods of Education, Inc. camps since 2005.



Co-presenter: “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation” Melany is Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park, MO. She has served as the Preclinic Coordinator since 2013 and also teaches Dental Medical Emergencies, Applications Labs I & II, Concepts I & II, and is a co-coordinator for Clinic II.

She has over 12 years of combined full and part-time clinical dental hygiene experience, including 18 months in Zürich, Switzerland. Melany graduated from Tallahassee Community College in 2001 with her Associate in Applied Science in Dental Hygiene, received her Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and Leadership from Greenville College in 2008 and her Master’s degree in Education from Greenville University in May 2016.

Melany Thien, RDH, MS

She is a contributing author and creator of the online *Instructor Resources* for Jill S. Gehrig’s 4th edition of the textbook *Patient Assessment Tutorials*. Melany also serves on staff at DH Methods of Education, Inc.

Melany Thien joined the team of presenters at Summer Camp Amelia Island in 2012.



Presenter: “How to Teach Periodontology: Cynthia lives in Neptune Beach, Florida and has been married to husband, David for 32 years. She has a daughter, Madison and a grandson.

Cynthia graduated from Broome Community College in Binghamton, NY with her degree in dental hygiene and went on to complete a Bachelor’s and Master’s after a 20 year hiatus from school. She has 42 years of experience as a dental hygienist. Seventeen of those years have been dedicated to dental hygiene education.

Cynthia is currently a Professor of Dental Hygiene at Florida State College at Jacksonville. She teaches a variety of subjects in the dental hygiene curriculum, serves as clinic coordinator for Clinic I and Clinic

Cynthia Wampler, RDH MS

II and has taught instrumentation for 15 years and has been the lead instructor for 8 years. She has been an attendee of the camps for years and served as Co-Presenter in the Clinical Dental Hygiene

Teaching Methodology course in 2016-2018. She is contributor the DH Clinic Key “DHNBE on Nutrition”. In 2019 she is presenting “How to Teach Periodontology”.



Presenter: DH Accreditation Workshop Gwen Welling is presently an independent consultant for dental hygiene education and accreditation. Her clients include developing programs, community colleges and university programs, both public and private. Services provided vary from program review, simulation site visits, presentations in educational methodology, curriculum mapping and outcomes assessment.

From 2005 to 2012, she was Manager, Dental Hygiene Education for the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). During that time she managed over 325 dental hygiene programs, staffed over 100 site visits and consulted with school administrators regarding CODA’s policies and procedures on reporting compliance.

Gwen Welling, RDH, MS

Gwen’s career spans over 40 years of administrative and teaching experience in allied dentistry. She has directed programs and/or taught at Indiana University, Loyola University of Chicago, Edison Col-

lege (Florida) and Owens Community College (Ohio). Gwen has expertise in CODA accreditation standards, policy and procedures; analysis and solutions to meet the needs of accreditation processes; DH program curriculum review; DH program development for initial established programs; and educational methodology.

She received her associate degree in dental hygiene and baccalaureate degree in education from Indiana University and her masters in educational administration and leadership from Purdue University.

Gwen’s clients report that she has a thorough understanding of dental hygiene curriculum, program requirements and the accreditation process; excellent problem-solving skills; and is helpful and reassuring during the consulting process.

She has been a presenter for DH Methods of Education, Inc. since Summer Camp 2013 and provides attendees with expert guidance in preparing self-study documents and planning for accreditation site visits.