

Meet the Presenters & Staff of Summer Camp Amelia Island



President of DH Methods of Education, Inc. Lead presenter in “Periodontal Instrumentation and Clinical Calibration”, “TalEval & Accreditation” 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 instructor in the Dental Hygiene Program at Tallahassee Community College, FL

Cindy has 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

Cynthia Biron, RDH EMT, MA Ed

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 from 1992—2005. 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 and the or sharpening dental instruments, and the computerized grading system “TalEval” (celebrating 20 Year Anniversary) dental hygiene programs clinical grading and outcomes assessment and CODA exhibit reports. She recently invented the “Diamond Pony” sharpening fixture which is patent pending. She has also had great success with 20 Years of “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 - 2023 Summer Camp Santa Ana, CA 2011, Winter Camp Sydney & Adelaide, Australia 2011, Fall Camp Collin College McKinney TX 2011, and TN State University.

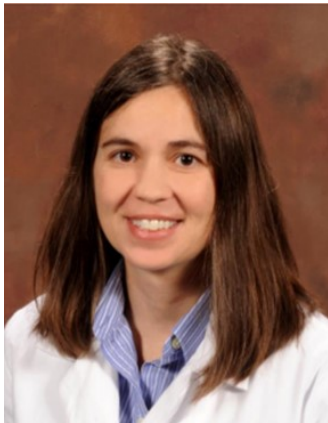


Presenter of “How to Teach Dental Materials”, How to Teach Community Dentistry” “How to Teach Radiology” and “How to Teach Office Practice Management”

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

Roberta Brown CDA, RDH, MS

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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Co-presenter for "Instrumentation Workshops"

Debbie is the Chair of the Dental Hygiene program at Tallahassee Community College. Debbie has also been Second Year Dental Hygiene Coordinator for the past twenty-three years, teaching both the Clinic II and Clinic III courses. She has twenty-five years of teaching experience, and over 15 years of clinical practice. After graduating from the Tallahassee Community College Dental Hygiene Program, she practiced full-time and then completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Florida State University and her Master of Health Sciences Education degree from Florida Gulf Coast University. Her teaching experience includes Preclinic, Clinic I, Periodontology Clinic, Clinic II, Clinic III, Community Dentistry, Periodontology, Clinic and Office Management, and the labs that accompany Radiology and Dental Materials. She is the Program Chairperson as well as clinical coordinator for the second-year dental hygiene students where she oversees the on-campus dental hygiene clinical experience for these students. She also establishes and maintains affiliations with local dental clinic institutional settings to be used as extramural sites for students. Debbie has taught in our camps since 2003. She has participated in the development of TalEval, a computerized grading system for dental hygiene and dental assisting schools.

Debra Burtoft, CRDH, MS

Debbie has 2 adult children. She is inspired and motivated by her children as well as her students. She feels that it is important to embrace each student's unique nature and find a way to mentor them to facilitate their education and personal growth.



Presenter of “DA Accreditation Workshop” and “DH Accreditation Workshop”. Lead in instructor in “Advanced Root Instrumentation”. Co-Presenter of “Periodontal Instrumentation and Clinical Calibration” 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 education experience at New Hampshire Technical College, Concord 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

Christine A. Dominick, CDA, RDH, M. Oc. Ed North East Regional Board (NERB). She retired in 2023 from her position of Associate Dean of Dental Hygiene at the Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science University (MCPHS) at the Worcester, MA location. She is Professor Emeritus of MCPHS. Christine has been a presenter in DH Methods of Education, Inc. camps since 2005. Dental Assisting & Dental Hygiene attendees rave about her leadership in accreditation workshops. She is a consultant at schools for accreditation, providing mock site visits and guidance in preparation of self-studies and best practices for successful accreditation site visits.



Presenter of “How to Teach Histology & Embryology” , “Special Needs Patients and Medical Emergencies”. Lane is an Associate Professor in the Dental Health Programs at Tallahassee Community College. She is the Chair of the Dental Assisting Program. 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 in the Hands-On portion of Radiology Educators Workshop

Professor Hoffman Graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Dentistry with a bachelor’s degree in Dental Hygiene 2005. Professor Hoffman has been a Full-time Faculty member at the UMKC School of Dentistry since 2008 in the Radiology Department as a Clinical Instructor overseeing the diagnostic quality and interpretation of undergraduate student’s radiographs. She has conducted interviews for both the UMKC Dental & Hygiene Acceptance Committees and serves as an IPE (Inter-professional Experience) facilitator for **Student IMPACTs (Interprofessional Medical Patient Advocate and Collaborative Team)**. Professor Hoffman has received seven “Teaching in Excellence Awards” from the students. She brings a detailed understanding of patient and clinician safety, guidelines for prescribing radiographs, diagnostic radiographs along with years of experience culminating that knowledge into a teaching method tangible by future Dentists and Hygienists. In recent years she has presented before audiences of 400 for the Sioux Cit Dental Society.

Tamra J. Hoffman, BSDH, RDH



Presenter of “How to Teach Preventive Dentistry” Co-presenter in “Periodontal Instrumentation and Clinical Calibration” and “Advanced Root Instrumentation” and “Mindfulness in Allied Dental Education”.

Debbie has been in dentistry since 1978. She has served in many capacities including dental assistant, practice owner and manager, dental hygienist, dental educator and dental hygiene program director. She developed a Mindfulness-Inspired dental hygiene program, incorporating the principles and practices of mindfulness within a standardized and accredited curriculum. In addition to dentistry Debbie is an internationally certified mindfulness meditation facilitator and teacher with training in Mindful Self-Compassion, Zentangle Art and other aspects of Debbie Hoxea, RDH, MAEd, MMT, CMT-P mindfulness. She teaches Mindfulness for Stress Management at Mesa Community College and to various business, healthcare and community organizations. Debbie has taught in various courses in the camp since 2012. She also assists with camp operations throughout camp week.

Deborah Hoxea, RDH, MS



Co-presenter: “Advanced Root Instrumentation”, “Periodontal Instrumentation and Clinical Calibration” Cristina Lekas has been actively involved in dentistry for 30 years.

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 she uses her years of practice to promote a more critical thinking and activity based teaching environment in camp.

Cristina is a team presenter in the camp in the hands-on workshop, and also works on the administrative staff of DH Methods of Education, Inc.

Cristina Lekas, CDA, RDH, BA Sc



Presenter of “How to Teach Oral Anatomy”, “How to Teach Pharmacology”, “How to Teach Oral Pathology”. Co-presenter of Periodontal Instrumentation and Calibration courses.

Cathy is a Methodology and Outcomes specialist at Illinois Central College in Peoria, IL. as well as the Dental Hygiene Program Director. She teaches Embryology and Histology, Special Populations, Foundations of Dental Hygiene, Preclinic, Clinic, Pharmacology, and Community Dental Health. Cathy has served as a Staff Representative for CODA.

Cathy has over twenty-five years of clinical practice and fifteen years of teaching experience. She began her career in dentistry working as a dental assistant for several years then as a dental laboratory technician as she worked her way through dental hygiene school. After graduating from Illinois Central College in Peoria, IL in 1979, she practiced full-time in general dentistry offices for over 18 years. She worked as a Regional Representative for the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Dental Health for three years and for a mobile school based dental sealant program.

Cathleen A. Korondi, CDA, PHDH, RDH, Ed. D. Cathy earned her Ed.D. in higher Education Leadership from Maryville University, St. Louis Mo in May 2014. Cathy completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Health Arts from the University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL in 2005 and her Master’s Degree in Education with a focus on Community College Teaching and Learning from the University of Illinois, Champaign in 2008. She earned her Master Online Teacher Certificate from the University of Illinois in July 2010 and her CDA in November of 2010. In 2021, Cathy earned a certificate as a Public Health Dental Hygienist. She updated her online credentials by earning a Master Online Teaching Certificate through Quality Matters. Cathy is a certified Prosci Change Management Practitioner.

Cathy has been a presenter in the DH Methods of Education, Inc. camps since 2011. She has presented “How to Teach Pharmacology” “Community Dentistry Workshop”, “How to Teach Oral Anatomy”, “How to Teach Oral Pathology”, and also co-presented in all instrumentation and calibration workshops.



Robin Blatt Matloff, RDH, BSDH, JD

Presenter of “How to Teach Ethics” and “How to Teach Local Anesthesia”, “How to Teach DH Pre-clinic” and Co-presenter in “Periodontal Instrumentation”, and 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-five 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 served as Program Director from 2003-2007. She became a CODA examiner in 2004. 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.

Taraneh Maghsoodi-Zahedi DDS, MS, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2000. She received her DDS in 2006 from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) (UT Dentistry SA). Following graduation, she continued her education in the Maxillofacial Radiology Program at (UT Dentistry SA) where she received her certificate of Maxillofacial Radiology and a Master of Science Degree.

She has been engaged in patient care as the Chief Maxillofacial Radiologist at an internationally recognized imaging center “3Sixty Dental” since 2009. She received her Board Certification from the American Academy of Maxillofacial Radiology in 2010. In 2010, she joined the UT Dentistry San Antonio as Assistant Professor with the Departments of Periodontics and Comprehensive Dentistry. In addition, she has maintained private practice and academics since graduation from UT Dentistry San Antonio. She has academic teaching experience with UT Dentistry SA in the Residency Program along with the Dental Hygiene Department in Radiology. She has recently joined the full-time faculty of Palo Alto College-Alamo Colleges District Dental Hygiene Program where she will contribute to the development of a comprehensive radiology program for dental hygiene students.



Ted Neal

Event Coordinator for Boot Camps In addition to his role as Event Coordinator, Theodore (Ted), is the webmaster of the **DH Methods of Education, Inc.** website. 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.



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 biography 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.

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Maribeth Stitt, RDH, BSDH, MS

Maribeth Stitt earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene from the Texas A & M University School of Dentistry, Caruth School of Dental Hygiene, Dallas, Texas in 1984, she practiced dental hygiene for the next 18 years combining both general dentistry and periodontics. She also had the opportunity to teach clinically at Caruth in 1986 where she learned that education would be her future. She went on to complete a Master of Education in Allied Health Education and Administration at the University of Houston in 2002. During graduate school she focused on periodontal practice as well as being a clinical instructor at UT Houston School Dentistry in the Dental Hygiene program 1999 - 2003. She was the first Dental Hygiene faculty member to be awarded the prestigious John P. McGovern Clinical Teaching award for the Dental School in May 2000. Upon completion of her master's, she became the founding faculty member and Director of the Dental Hygiene program for the Lone Star College System in Houston. She served in that capacity from 2003-2015.

In January of 2015, she was asked to take an Interim dean position outside of Allied Health which became a permanent position in which she served for the next 6 years. She retired from the Lone Star College System in August 2021.

Stitt has taught Preclinic, Clinic (all levels), Nutrition, Periodontology, Medically Compromised/Special Needs patients and Ethics & Jurisprudence.

Today, she serves as an Adjunct Clinical Instructor for the Tyler Junior College Dental Hygiene program and will teach Periodontology in the fall of 2024.



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.



Lorinda Simon CDA, CRDH, MS

DH Methods of Education, Inc. Executive Administrator and Co-presenter: “Advance Root Instrumentation”, “Periodontal Instrumentation” and Clinical Calibration”, “DA Accreditation Workshop” and DH Accreditation Workshop”. Lorinda is a full time faculty member at Tallahassee Community College Dental Programs. She teaches Medical Emergencies in the dental assisting and dental hygiene programs and preclinic and clinic in both program as well as dental materials lab. 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 received her Masters of Science degree in Organizational Leadership in 2020 from 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” and “DH Clinical Calibration” workshops in various camp cities since 2007. Lorinda also serves as an administrator on the DH Methods of Education, Inc. staff.

Emelda E. Hernandez Trevino , RDH, BSDH, MS

I am an assistant professor in the Department of Dental Hygiene at Palo Alto College in San Antonio, TX. I obtained my Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene in 2003 and Master of Science in 2013, both from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. For the past twenty years I had taught undergraduate levels in didactics and clinical settings in the dental hygiene program at UT Health San Antonio. During these years I have dedicated my life to educating and advocating oral health with my students and patients in the faculty private practice setting. My eclectic experience includes work for a general and periodontal private practice, dental hygiene teaching, research, CE speaking, and publishing articles as a Master thesis chair. I have a centered interest in Motivational Interviewing, with focus on utilizing it as a means of encouraging change in patients’ behaviors through communication with dental hygiene students. I feel so honored and excited to be the teacher here at the dental hygiene program at Palo Alto, and to be a part of your educational journey is a dream come true for me. Palo Alto is where my heart is and I will be walking with students as their course instructor for DHYG 1301 Orofacial Anatomy, Histology, & Embryology. My educational goal is to bring the gift of educational knowledge to build the community of dental hygienists in the city of San Antonio! With great enthusiasm I will inspire, empower, and educate all students to succeed in the dental hygiene program at Palo Alto College.



Presenter: “How to Teach Periodontology”, “How to Teach Nutrition”, 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 Wampler, RDH MS

Cynthia recently retired from her position as Professor of Dental Hygiene at Florida State College at Jacksonville. She taught a variety of subjects in the dental hygiene curriculum, serves as clinic coordinator for Clinic I and Clinic II and has taught instrumentation for 15 years and had 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 2016-2023. She is a contributor the DH Clinic Key “DHNBE on Nutrition”.