

 <p>POINT¹⁹LOMA⁰² NAZARENE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences</p> <p>KIN 4088C-6, Internships in Kinesiology</p> <p>1-3 units</p>
FALL 2025	

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PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An off-campus experience at Cura Smiles Dental Clinic, under the supervision of dentists and registered dental assistants in which the student gains experience in the field of dentistry. May be repeated for up to a total of six (6) units. Letter grade. Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Internship students will be able to:

- Demonstrate proper infection control and sterilization techniques.
- Assist dentists chairside with operatory setup, instruments, and patient care.
- Reflect on personal growth and the role of volunteer service in providing sustainable dental care to people in need.

COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION

You should enroll for the number of academic units that corresponds with the number of work hours you will devote to the internship. You may apply only those hours that you work during the semester for which you are receiving academic credit. The total number of voluntary hours worked for Cura Smiles needs to correspond with units of credit in the following manner:

60 or more hours	3 semester units
40 or more hours	2 semester units
20 or more hours	1 semester unit

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

You will receive a final letter grade based on if you: 1) work the hours to which you have committed, 2) work in a manner that is satisfactory; and 3) turn in all reports as required (see below). There are no exams in this course.

ASSIGNMENTS

Repeatedly missing deadlines or failing to turn in reports may result in a lower grade.

1. You must submit a Monthly Internship Report every month of the semester. This will be submitted electronically on Canvas. See the template and due dates in Canvas.
2. The Final Internship Report is due by Friday of final's week. It should be a typed report of approximately two pages in which you summarize the impact that the experience has had on you as an individual and on your career goals. It will also be submitted electronically on Canvas.

Suggestions for Interns:

1. Do your work as if your career depends upon it. You may wish to ask one of the clinic coordinators or volunteer dentists to serve as a reference or write you a letter of recommendation in the future; give them reasons to say good things about you!
2. Represent PLNU well. Cura Smiles and the volunteer dentists form their impression of PLNU students and graduates in part by the example that you provide! Impressions are nothing more than collections of individual incidents; don't be a weak link in the chain. Be hard-working, honest and positive.
3. Look for ways to make yourself valuable. Make meaningful suggestions and be willing to be a part of the implementation of those suggestions.
4. Be on time in turning in your reports.

STATE AUTHORIZATION

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on [State Authorization](#) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See [Academic Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY

You are allowed to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini Pro 1.5, GrammarlyGo, Perplexity, etc) to generate ideas, but you are not allowed to use AI tools to generate content (text, video, audio, images) that will end up in any work submitted to be graded for this course. If you have any doubts about using AI, please gain permission from the instructor.

PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and other applicable laws, PLNU prohibits discrimination and harassment against a qualified individual with a disability. While all students are expected to meet the minimum standards for completion of each course as established by the instructor, students with disabilities may request academic adjustments, modifications or auxiliary aids/services. The PLNU Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2533), is the point of contact for disability issues for all PLNU undergraduate and graduate students, including students enrolled at the Mission Valley Campus and College of Extended Learning students enrolled in PLNU courses at Community College satellite campuses. Current and prospective students seeking an accommodation must follow the reasonable accommodation procedures which may be found on the [EAC website](#).

If students do not wish to avail themselves of some or all of the elements of their AP in a particular course, it is the responsibility of those students to notify their professor in that course. PLNU highly recommends that EAC students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester about the applicability of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not desire to take advantage of some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not wish to utilize some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC.

SPIRITUAL CARE

Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. If students have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain or have prayer requests you can contact your professor or the [Office of Spiritual Life and Formation](#).

LANGUAGE AND BELONGING

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe and hospitable learning environment for all students. As Christian scholars we are keenly aware of the power of language and believe in treating others with dignity. As such, it is important that our language be equitable, inclusive, and prejudice free. Inclusive/Bias-free language is the standard outlined by all major academic style guides, including MLA, APA, and Chicago, and it is the expected norm in university-level work. Good writing and speaking do not use unsubstantiated or irrelevant generalizations about personal qualities such as age, disability, economic class, ethnicity, marital status, parentage, political or religious beliefs, race, gender, sex, or sexual orientation. Inclusive language also avoids using stereotypes or terminology that demeans persons or groups based on age, disability, class, ethnicity, gender, race, language, or national origin. Respectful use of language is particularly important when referring to those outside of the religious and lifestyle commitments of those in the PLNU community. By working toward precision and clarity of language, we mark ourselves as serious and respectful scholars, and we model the Christ-like quality of hospitality. You may report an incident(s) using the [Bias Incident Reporting Form](#).

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION

In support of a safe learning environment, if you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that accommodations and resources are available through the Title IX Office at pointloma.edu/Title-IX. Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, faculty and staff are required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office. If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at counselingservices@pointloma.edu or find a list of campus pastors at pointloma.edu/title-ix.