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Dental public health is one of those subjects that can look secondary when students are focused on chairside technique. In practice, it is not secondary at all. It is where prevention, epidemiology, community health, and evidence-based professional judgment begin to meet. For ISBN 9780134255460, the first question is therefore financial but the second is educational: are you buying a one-semester requirement, or a book you may still want when population health and research interpretation come back later in dental hygiene training?

If you only need the buying answer

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Store	Format	Condition	Price	Link
eCampus	Paperback	New	\$132.65	Check new market

What this price means in practice

This is not a case where temporary access saves real money. Once rental and digital both sit above the current print listing, the real comparison becomes *used copy versus new owned copy*, not print versus digital. For many students, paying a few dollars more for a clean copy they can keep is the more rational decision.

I would only push a rental route here if the student is under immediate financial pressure and is certain this material will never matter again after the final exam. In dental hygiene education, that is not usually how public health and research work. These topics tend to return in community care, evidence-based decision-making, and professional discussions about prevention and access.

What this book actually teaches

Dental Public Health & Research: Contemporary Practice for the Dental Hygienist is not just a survey of public-health vocabulary. Its value is that it places dental hygiene inside a broader professional frame: disease prevention at the population level, research literacy, health promotion, program planning, and the relationship between evidence and everyday clinical choices.

That matters because students often reach this kind of text after spending much of their energy on direct patient care skills. A good book in this area helps them step back and understand why community assessment, epidemiology, preventive strategy, and critical reading of research are not side topics. They are part of responsible practice. If a student expects to revisit research appraisal or community oral-health planning, this is the kind of book that benefits from annotation and return.

Who should buy print, and who should not

Buy the print copy if you want a clean book to keep and you expect dental public health, prevention strategy, or research interpretation to show up again later in your program. This is also the better route if you learn by underlining, tabbing chapters, and returning to frameworks more than once.

Skip new print only if the goal is absolute lowest upfront cost and you are comfortable with the used-market route. In this snapshot, rental and digital do not offer a convincing economic argument.

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