

REGULATIONS FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DENTAL SURGERY (PDipDS)

(See also General Regulations)

Admission requirements

D29 To be eligible for admission to the curriculum for the Postgraduate Diploma in Dental Surgery, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
 - (b) hold the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery of this University, or a degree or other qualification of equivalent standard from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; and
 - (c) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.
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Qualifying examination

D30 (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test a candidate's formal academic ability or his ability to complete the prescribed courses of study and practice. It shall consist of one or more written papers or the equivalent and may include a project report, a practical examination and oral examinations.

- (b) A candidate who is required to satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination shall not be permitted to register until he has satisfied the examiners in the examination.
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Award of diploma

D31 To be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Dental Surgery, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
 - (b) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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Curriculum

D32 The curriculum shall comprise an approved programme of study and practice in a field related to the practice of dentistry as prescribed in the syllabuses. It shall consist of a minimum of 600 hours of prescribed work normally extending over one academic year of full-time study or two academic years of part-time study. The curriculum shall include all examinations.

D33 To complete the curriculum a candidate shall

- (a) follow instruction in the courses prescribed and complete satisfactorily all coursework requirements; and
 - (b) satisfy the examiners in all examinations as may be required.
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Examinations

D34 Examinations may take the form of written papers, oral, practical and clinical examinations, assessments of coursework, or a combination of these methods.

D35 A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in any part of the examinations may be permitted to present himself again for examination at a time to be determined by the Board of Examiners; or he may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

Examination results

D36 At the conclusion of the examinations, the names of the successful candidates shall be published in alphabetical order.

SYLLABUSES FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DENTAL SURGERY

DENT6007 Paediatric dentistry

A course which incorporates the total patient care concept for the child from birth to adolescence. The course addresses the growth and development of the normal, medically compromised and physically disabled child and emphasizes preventive philosophies in the management of the child including treatment planning, restorative care, diagnosis and management of dento-facial anomalies. It includes supervised clinical work of patients in affiliated hospitals utilizing hospital dental facilities.

DENT6008 Dental public health

A course of study into the theory and practice of oral epidemiology, preventive dentistry, related behavioural sciences and systems for the provision of dental health care. The course will include lectures, tutorials, clinical and laboratory work together with project assignments.

DENT6009 Oral surgery

A course of advanced study and supervised clinical work in oral surgery which is designed to provide candidates with a detailed knowledge of the principles and practice of dento-alveolar surgery. The course will include seminars in radiological interpretation and demonstrations of intravenous sedation technique and more advanced surgery as applicable.

DENT6010 Oral radiology

A course of advanced study into oral radiography and radiology consisting lectures, tutorials, assignments and supervised clinical work. The course is designed to provide the students with advanced radiological interpretation and radiographic practice including basic knowledge of general radiology in relation to dentistry.