

REGULATIONS FOR THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (AdvDipOMS)

(See also General Regulations)

The Advanced Diploma in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is a postgraduate award following the satisfactory completion of a prescribed course of advanced study and research related to oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Admission requirements

D104 To be eligible for admission to the course for the Advanced Diploma in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
 - (b) hold the degree of Master of Dental Surgery (Oral and Maxillofacial 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 deemed necessary.
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Qualifying examination

D105(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 clinical practice. It shall consist of one or more written papers, 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

D106 To be eligible for the award of the Advanced Diploma in Oral and Maxillofacial 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

D107 The curriculum shall comprise an approved programme of study, practice and research in a field related to the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery as prescribed in the syllabus. It shall extend over not less than 24 months of full-time study and shall include examinations and the submission of a research paper or clinical paper. An elective term of one to three months at another institution may be offered to suitable candidates within the study period.

D108 To complete the curriculum a candidate shall

- (a) follow instruction in the courses prescribed and complete satisfactorily all coursework requirements;
- (b) satisfy the examiners in all examinations as may be required; and
- (c) complete and submit a clinical or research paper which satisfies the examiners.

Research or clinical paper

D109 The research or clinical paper shall be prepared for/submitted for publication in an international journal in the final part of the academic year of study; the candidate shall submit a statement that the paper represents his own work (mainly) undertaken after registration as a candidate for the award. The examiners may prescribe an oral examination on the subject of the paper.

Examinations

D110 Examinations take the form of a written paper, oral, practical and clinical examinations.

D111 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.

D112 A candidate who has presented a research or clinical paper which has failed to satisfy the examiners may be permitted to revise and re-present the paper within a period 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

D113 At the conclusion of the examinations, the names of the successful candidates shall be published in alphabetical order.

SYLLABUSES FOR THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

A. PREAMBLE

1. The objectives of the Advanced Diploma in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery are to enable candidates to achieve an advanced level of knowledge and competence in the broad field of oral and maxillofacial surgery by means of
 - (a) a prescribed course of study having a minimum of 600 hours of coursework (i.e., lectures and seminars and related written and clinical work); and
 - (b) additionally, a supervised research project and the submission of a clinical or research paper.

The prescribed course of study will include subjects to be taken by all candidates, in accordance with the syllabus specified by the Programme Director. The supervised research projects will be related to each candidate's prescribed course of study.

2. Candidates must attend the practice of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital and/or Queen Mary Hospital for at least 5 sessions a week as defined by the Programme Director.
3. The methods and pattern of assessment and examination of each candidate will be determined by the Programme Director.

B. SYLLABUSES

DENT6018 Advanced Diploma in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

A course of advanced study and supervised clinical practice related to diagnosis and treatment of a broad range of disease of the oral and maxillofacial region.

The course is planned to complement previous master degree studies or equivalent, and provide advanced training in the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

The course is composed of a combination of seminars, tutorials, clinical teaching and supervised clinical practice in the subjects listed below as they pertain to the practice of the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery currently.

1. Clinical sciences
 - Surgical anatomy
 - Surgical physiology
 - Surgical pathology

2. Clinical management
 - Advanced dentoalveolar surgery
 - Dental implant surgery
 - Oral pathology
 - Oral mucosal disease and oral medicine
 - Medically compromised patients
 - Preoperative and Postoperative care
 - ACLS / ATLS principles and practice
 - Advanced orthognathic surgery
 - Multidisciplinary cleft lip and palate care
 - Temporomandibular joint disorders
 - Pathology and comprehensive management of benign tumours
 - Principles of management of malignant tumours

3. Elective term
 - The elective term is an optional part of the curriculum that is granted at the discretion of the programme director for the purpose of enhancement of the candidate's training experience. The elective is normally intended for a specifically agreed objective and may extend from one to three months at an appropriate time during the programme. The elective is at the candidate's personal expense and a report on the candidate's academic/clinical activities must be submitted upon completion of the elective.

4. Research paper
 - The research paper to be submitted for publication is completed under supervision on a topic to be determined by the supervisor after discussion with the candidate.