

# **REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF DENTAL SURGERY IN PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY (MDS[PaediatrDent])**

*(See also General Regulations)*

Any publication based on work approved for a higher degree should contain a reference to the effect that the work was submitted to The University of Hong Kong for the award of the degree.

The degree of Master of Dental Surgery in Paediatric Dentistry (MDS[PaediatrDent]) is a postgraduate degree awarded following the satisfactory completion of a prescribed programme of study and research/clinical applications related to dental practice.

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## **Admission requirements**

**D258** To be eligible for admission to the curriculum for the degree of Master of Dental Surgery in Paediatric Dentistry, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
  - (b) hold the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery from this University, or a degree of 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**

**D259** (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test a candidate's formal academic ability or his ability to complete the prescribed programme of study and practice. It shall consist of one or more written papers, or the equivalent, and may include a project report, 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 degree**

**D260** To be eligible for the award of the degree of Master of Dental Surgery in Paediatric Dentistry, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
  - (b) complete the curriculum, complete and present a written dissertation or project report or research paper in publication format, and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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## **Curriculum**

**D261** The curriculum shall comprise a minimum of 1800 hours of study, practice and research in a field related to the practice of dentistry as prescribed in the syllabuses. It shall extend over not fewer than thirty-six months and not more than sixty months of full-time study, and shall include all examinations and the submission of a dissertation, project report or research paper in publication format.

- D262** 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 dissertation, project report or research paper in publication format which satisfies the examiners.
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### **Dissertation or project report or research paper**

**D263** The title of the dissertation or project report or research paper in publication format shall be submitted for approval not later than April 30 in the final academic year of study, and the dissertation or project report or research paper in publication format shall be submitted not later than August 1 in the same year; the candidate shall submit a statement that the dissertation or project report or research paper in publication format represents his own work undertaken after registration as a candidate for the degree. The examiners may prescribe an oral examination on the subject of the dissertation or project report or research paper in publication format.

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### **Examinations or assessments**

**D264** Examinations or assessments may be held in each year of study and may take the form of written papers; oral, practical, and clinical examinations; assessments of coursework; or a combination of these methods. Any assessment of the candidate's coursework during the course of study, including written assignments, shall be taken into account in determining the candidate's overall result.

**D265** 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.

**D266** A candidate who has presented a dissertation or project report or research paper in publication format which has failed to satisfy the examiners may be permitted to revise and re-present the dissertation or project report or research paper in publication format within a period to be determined by the Board of Examiners; or he may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provision of General Regulation G12.

**D267** Failure to take any examination as scheduled normally shall result in automatic programme failure.

**D268** A candidate who is unable, through illness, to be present at an examination may apply in writing within 2 weeks of the examination for permission to be examined at some other time to be determined by the Board of Examiners.

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### **Examination or assessment results**

**D269** At the conclusion of the examinations or assessments, and after presentation of the dissertations or project reports or research paper in publication format, the names of the successful candidates shall be published in alphabetical order. A candidate who has shown exceptional merit may be awarded a mark of distinction, and this mark shall be recorded in the candidate's degree diploma.

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**SYLLABUSES FOR THE DEGREE OF  
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**A. PREAMBLE**

1. The objectives of the MDS(PaediatrDent) curriculum are to enable candidates to achieve an advanced level of knowledge and competence in a branch of dental surgery by means of
  - (a) a prescribed programme of study (i.e., lectures, seminars, related written and practical and/or clinical work); and
  - (b) additionally, a supervised research project and the submission of a written project report, dissertation or research paper in publication format.

The prescribed programme of study will include certain core subjects to be taken by all candidates, but otherwise it will be designed, in accordance with the syllabuses, to take account of the needs of individual candidates. The supervised research projects will also be related to each candidate's programme of study in Paediatric Dentistry.

2. Candidates must attend for clinical practice in the Prince Philip Dental Hospital (or another approved hospital) for at least four sessions a week in such programme area or areas as are prescribed.
3. The methods and pattern of assessment and examination of each candidate will be determined by the Postgraduate Programme Directors concerned, having regard in each case to the nature and particular emphases of the candidate's programme of work.
4. On successful completion of the specialism, the student will:
  - (a) have a good understanding and knowledge in paediatric dentistry;
  - (b) be able to manage various kinds of advanced cases requiring the specialism care using a multidisciplinary approach;
  - (c) communicate effectively with patients, their families, relatives and carers, and with other health professionals involved in their care.
  - (d) be able to critically review dental and the specialism literature;
  - (e) be committed to continuing professional development and life-long learning.

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**B. SYLLABUSES**

**DENT7011 Master of Dental Surgery in Paediatric Dentistry**

The curriculum extends over not fewer than thirty-six months and not more than sixty months of full-time study. The prescribed programme of study has a minimum of 1800 hours of coursework.

A programme of advanced study, supervised clinical practice and research related to prevention and correction of oral and dental disorders in children consisting of lectures, tutorials, assignments, clinical and laboratory demonstrations, practical work and training in research methodology.

The programme will be based on the concept of providing dental care as part of the promotion of general health for the child and will cover growth and development, patient management, the prevention of

dental disease, overall treatment planning, restorative treatment, care of patients with special needs, and the interceptive treatment of dento-facial abnormalities. Candidates will gain an understanding of paediatric dentistry in its public health aspects, appreciating also its relation to other branches of dentistry and medicine.

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