

**REGULATIONS FOR THE
ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN ORTHODONTICS
(AdvDipOrth)**

These regulations apply to candidates admitted in 2023-2024 and thereafter.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula)

The Advanced Diploma in Orthodontics is a postgraduate award following the satisfactory completion of a prescribed course of advanced study and paper related to orthodontics.

Admission requirements

D67 To be eligible for admission to the curriculum for the Advanced Diploma in Orthodontics, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
 - (b) hold the degree of Master of Dental Surgery in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopaedics of this University, or a degree or other qualification of equivalent standard from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
 - (c) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to higher degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b); and
 - (d) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if deemed necessary.
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Qualifying examination

D68 (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test a candidate's formal academic ability or his/her 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/she has satisfied the examiners in the examination.
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Award of diploma

D69 To be eligible for the award of the Advanced Diploma in Orthodontics, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula; and
 - (b) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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Period of study

D70 The curriculum shall normally extend over a period of twelve months of full-time study or twenty-four months of part-time study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of twenty-four months of full-time study or thirty-six months of part-time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

Completion of curriculum

- D71** To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall
- (a) follow instruction in the courses prescribed and complete satisfactorily all coursework requirements;
 - (b) achieve the minimum of 90 credits;
 - (c) satisfy the examiners in all examinations as may be required; and
 - (d) complete and submit a research paper and/or literature review or clinical paper which satisfy the examiners.
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Research or clinical paper

D72 The research and/or literature review or clinical paper shall be prepared for/submitted for publication in a dental journal in the final academic year of study; the candidate shall submit a statement that the paper represents his/her own work (mainly). The examiners may prescribe an oral examination on the subject of the paper.

Assessments

D73 Assessments take the form of a written paper, oral, practical and clinical examinations.

D74 A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in any part of the assessments may be permitted to present himself/herself again for assessment at a time to be determined by the Board of Examiners; or he/she may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

D75 A candidate who has presented a 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.

D76 In accordance with TPG 5(c), a candidate who has exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in Regulation D50 shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies.

Grading System

D77 Individual courses shall be graded as “Pass” or “Fail”.

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SYLLABUSES FOR THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN ORTHODONTICS

A. PREAMBLE

1. The objectives of the Advanced Diploma in Orthodontics are to enable candidates to achieve an advanced level of knowledge and competence in a branch of orthodontics by means of
 - (a) a prescribed course of study having a minimum of 1800 hours of coursework (i.e., lectures and seminars and related written and practical work); and
 - (b) additionally, a supervised research clinical project and the submission of a research paper and /or literature review or clinical 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.

2. Candidates must attend for clinical practice for at least three 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 Programme Director.

B. SYLLABUSES

This curriculum extends over a period of twenty-four months of part time advanced study and supervised clinical practice relating to diagnosis and treatment of complex dentofacial anomalies by orthodontic means in a multi-disciplinary setting.

Curriculum structure

The curriculum includes the following courses/components:

A. Discipline Specific Courses (9 credits)

- DENT7650 Advanced orthodontic diagnosis and treatment planning

B. Clinical Components (45 credits)

- DENT7652 Clinical orthodontics

C. Research Components (30 credits)

- DENT7653 Research in Orthodontics

DENT7651 Capstone Experience: Portfolio of clinical work (6 credits)

Description of courses

DENT7650 Advanced orthodontic diagnosis and treatment planning (9 credits)

Seminars/Case discussion on advanced orthodontic cases regarding diagnosis and treatment planning

Assessment: One 3-hour written examination

DENT7652 Clinical orthodontics (45 credits)

Treatment of advanced orthodontic cases such as multi-disciplinary treatment, lingual orthodontics, etc.

Assessment: 50% portfolio and 50% presentation

DENT7653 Research in orthodontics (30 credits)

Original research/review/audit in orthodontics

Assessment: research manuscript

DENT7651 Capstone Experience: Portfolio of clinical work (6 credits)

Log book of 6 advanced orthodontics cases

Assessment: clinical portfolio

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