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

These regulations apply to candidates admitted in 2017-2018 and thereafter.

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

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

D47 To be eligible for admission to the curriculum for the Advanced Diploma in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, a candidate shall
(a) comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
(b) hold the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery from this University, or a qualification of equivalent standard from this university or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
(c) 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;
(d) 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
(e) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if deemed necessary.

Qualifying examination

D48 (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.

Award of diploma

D49 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 the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
and
(b) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
Period of study

**D50** The curriculum shall normally extend over a period of 24 months of full-time study. An elective term of one to three months at another institution, which 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, may be offered to suitable candidates within the study period. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of 36 months of full-time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

Completion of curriculum

**D51** 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

**D52** The research or clinical paper shall be prepared for/submit 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/her 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.

Assessments

**D53** Assessments take the form of a written paper, oral, practical and clinical examinations.

**D54** 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.

**D55** 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.

**D56** 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

**D57** Individual courses shall be graded as “Pass” or “Fail”.

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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

This curriculum extends over not less than twenty-four months of full time advanced study and supervised clinical practice related to diagnosis and treatment of a broad range of disease of the oral and maxillofacial region, or the minimum of 180 credits.

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

The curriculum includes didactic (seminars and journal based learning), experiential learning (attachment to professorial clinics, supervised practical and clinical work, joint multi-disciplinary clinics, ward and hospital duties), and qualitative learning (audit meeting, log book, personal reflective journal). Advanced clinical training in a wide variety of oral and maxillofacial surgery is provided. Candidate is required to complete a research paper to be submitted for publication under supervision on a topic to be determined by the supervisor.

Curriculum structure

All the components of the curriculum are compulsory. The curriculum includes the following courses/components:
A. Discipline Specific Courses (156 credits)

These set of courses cover a wide variety of areas in the scope of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Each course consists of didactic and clinical components. Students will be trained to think independently and extrapolate knowledge so that they will be able to understand and communicate complex scenarios in a balanced way. They will be trained to perform specific surgical procedures independently and deal with unexpected events.

Year 1
- DENT7603 Principles of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery IV (24 credits)
- DENT7600 Clinical Skill IV (54 credits)

Year 2
- DENT7604 Principles of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery V (24 credits)
- DENT7601 Clinical Skill V (51 credits)
- DENT7602 Elective / Evidence based practice in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (3 credits)

B. Research Components (18 credits)

DENT7605 Research Project

DENT7200 Capstone Experience: Clinical Portfolio (6 credits)

Description of courses

DENT7603 Principles of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery IV (24 credits)

This course comprises didactic seminars, presentations and meetings that cover the theoretical knowledge and principles of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. It focuses on the evidence based practice in the following areas in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery:

- Dentoalveolar & Implant Surgery
- Complex Orthognathic Surgery
- Oral Pathology
- Cleft & Craniofacial Deformity
- Oncology & Reconstructive surgery

Assessment: 100% written examination
DENT7604 Principles of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery V (24 credits)

This course comprises didactic seminars, presentations and meetings that cover the theoretical knowledge and principles of Oral & maxillofacial Surgery. It focuses on the recent advances and future development in the following areas in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery:

- Dentoalveolar & Implant Surgery
- Complex Orthognathic Surgery
- Oral Pathology
- Cleft & Craniofacial Deformity
- Oncology & Reconstructive surgery

Assessment: 100% written examination

DENT7600 Clinical Skill IV (54 credits)

The emphasis of this course is on the application of the principles of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. Students will have intensive hands on training enabling them to perform specific practical procedures independently in both in-patient and outpatient settings. Apart from the performance of practical procedures, it focuses on clinical decision making, ethical/legal and communication issues. Students will need to give case presentations in multidisciplinary clinics. Personal feedback will be provided during the course.

Assessment: 60% Practical examination, 20% coursework, 20% continuous assessment

DENT7601 Clinical Skill V (51 credits)

Advancing from the first year, students will be trained to perform specific practical procedures proficiently and manage unexpected events. They will be given opportunities to mentor the junior students. Apart from the performance of practical procedures, it focuses on clinical decision making, ethical/legal and communication issues in complex scenarios. Students will need to give case presentations in multidisciplinary clinics. Personal feedback will be provided during the course.

Assessment: 60% Practical examination, 20% coursework, 20% continuous assessment

DENT7602 Elective / Evidence based practice in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (3 credits)

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 up to one month 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.

If the elective term is not chosen, the candidate has to review a topic in the area related to the evidence based practice in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, specified by the programme director, and present the findings in the form of a faculty presentation or a manuscript to be submitted for publication.

Assessment: 100% elective report or presentation or manuscript
**DENT7605 Research Project (18 credits)**

The candidate will need to design, execute and disseminate an original research project under the guidance of his supervisor. It could be an extension or continuation of a previous research project carried out during the Master of Dental Surgery programme or a new original study, as determined by the supervisor after discussion with the candidate. The candidate should produce a manuscript to be submitted for publication at the end of the second year.

Assessment: 100% Dissertation

**DENT7200 Capstone Experience: Clinical Portfolio (6 credits)**

Each student needs to keep a log of all the surgical cases encountered. The logbook will be reviewed by the programme director at least twice a year. Presentation of two fully-documented cases which demonstrate the management of a variety of cases within the scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery during the two-year clinical study.

Assessment: 50% logbook and 50% case presentation

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