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Graduate Programme in Periodontology and Implant Dentistry at the Academic Centre of Dentistry Amsterdam

The graduate programme in Periodontology and Implant Dentistry at the Academic Centre of Dentistry Amsterdam (ACTA) is a 3 year full time programme (in English) and is EFP accredited. This programme is both clinically and scientifically orientated and enables the successful postgraduate student to practice periodontics and implant dentistry at the specialist level.

Calendar

The academic year starts on the first Tuesday in September and will end in the beginning of July. The weekly programme is on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.00 to 18.00 and on Wednesday from 8.00 to 19.00.

Clinical performance

During the first and second year the students are responsible (under supervision) for the diagnosis and treatment planning of about 480 newly referred periodontal patients, seen at the polyclinic of the department during ½ a day per week. In addition the 1st year students will spend 2 days per week on treatment of their own patients, which is focused on initial periodontal therapy.

In the 2nd year, the students treat their own patients during 2,5 day a week. The treatment is focused on periodontal surgery and implant dentistry, specifically for the periodontal patient.

In the 3rd year, the students treat their own patients during 1,5 day a week. The treatment is also focused on periodontal surgery and implant dentistry, specifically for the periodontal patient.

In addition the 3rd year students will have a mandatory internship of 9 months of 1 day a week in an accredited private periodontal practice.

Throughout the programme 1 hour per week is reserved for the students to present and discuss the diagnosis and treatment planning of their own patients as well as the progress of the treatment. During the programme, the students are required to complete about 25 fully documented periodontitis cases (from intake through maintenance). Of these, 10 will be selected for presentation to the board of examiners; at least 2 of these 10 includes implant dentistry.

Seminars and literature review

In the didactic part of the programme, half a day per week is dedicated towards education in theoretical knowledge of periodontology and implant dentistry by means of seminars. All seminars are a combination of a presentation of a topic by the teacher and a discussion on the basis of 8 to 10 relevant articles given in advance. Furthermore in the first year an extensive course is given in Oral Biology. In this way the whole scope of periodontal literature is covered.

Scientific training

During the whole programme one day a week is dedicated to research. The students are required to develop their own research project in line with current projects being carried out in the department of periodontology or in a relevant collaborating department. The project may be either clinical research or basic research in a laboratory and leads to a written report amenable for publication in an English-language international refereed scientific journal. In addition, the students are trained in scientific writing by means of a comprehensive literature review.

In the programme, time is allocated for a course in Evidence Based Dentistry as well as statistics.

Furthermore, during the whole programme 2 times per week a 1 hour session is dedicated to training in critical analysis of the literature by discussing a wide range of current articles.

Exams

1>> Written exams

- after the first semester in the first year (including oral biology and periodontology)
- end of the first year (periodontology)
- end of the second year (periodontology)
- after the first semester in the third year (implant dentistry)

2>> Course exams

- Oral biology (included in the written exam after the first semester in the first year)
- Evidence Based Dentistry
- Statistics

3>> Oral exam and thesis defence at the end of the third year