



Graduate Programme in Periodontology and Implant Dentistry at Dublin Dental University Hospital, Trinity College, Dublin

Overview

The postgraduate programme in periodontology is a full-time, three-year programme, leading to the award of Doctorate in Dental Surgery (D.Ch. Dent). The course has been developed with the intention of fulfilling the criteria for specialist recognition identified by the Dental Council of Ireland.

The programme focuses on the management of periodontal conditions and the planning and execution of oral implant therapy. The course includes didactic and clinical components and provides the basis for continuing professional development after completion of the programme. Students will be instructed in clinical periodontics with emphasis on the scientific basis for treatment.

Students will undertake a research project leading to a thesis; the findings should be suitable for publication in peer reviewed international journals.

The student is also required to be involved in clinical and didactic undergraduate teaching activities.

Calendar

The D.Ch.Dent in periodontology is a full-time, three-year programme with a typical weekly commitment of 45 hours.

The weekly schedule includes 50-60% time in clinical sessions, 20% seminars/literature review, and 10% teaching with the remainder of time assigned for research.

Clinical Performance

Clinical practice is managed in a specialist clinic for periodontics. A clinical faculty: student ratio of $\leq 1:5$ is maintained at all times.

Clinical patient care accounts for 50-60% of the weekly schedule in each year. Students will be responsible for the treatment of approximately 150 patients with various periodontal problems and in addition may expect to complete a significant number of implant cases during their training.

Periodontal students work closely with dental hygiene students but are expected to complete non-surgical and surgical cases.

Interdisciplinary care is a core feature of the program and students interact closely with orthodontics and prosthodontics postgraduate

students in providing patient care in select cases.

Research

Students are expected to complete a research project as part of their curriculum. Approximately 10% of student time is assigned for research.

The research project should be presented in the form of a written thesis; an oral presentation must also be made to the Board of Examiners. In addition, students are expected to prepare a written manuscript based on their research findings; this should be suitable for publication in a peer-reviewed international journal.

Faculty

Program Director is Dr. Ioannis Polyzois and Department Chair is Dr. Denise MacCarthy.

Other members of the staff include: Visiting Professor Stefan Renvert, Dr. Peter Harrison, Dr. Ronan Allen, Dr. P.J. Byrne and Dr. Declan Corcoran.

Admissions

The programme admits a maximum of two students per year.

Applicants must:

- (i) have earned a D. Dent Sc. or equivalent degree
- (ii) have a minimum of two years of clinical practice in general dentistry,

Graduates should ordinarily have attained a postgraduate diploma in general dentistry (MFDS or equivalent). Proficiency in oral and written English is mandatory.

Academic Performance

The student is required to meet attendance requirements and satisfactorily complete all courses, assessments and assignments.

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