

BDS (HONS) (NON-EU GRADUATE ENTRY) (NOT ON OFFER IN 2024/25)

Overview

The approved areas of study for the Degree of BDS for graduate entrants extend over a period of not less than four academic years from the date of registration as a Graduate Entry Dental student. Second, Third and Final Year Students are reminded that evidence of the satisfactory completion of schedules of work must be presented before they will be permitted to sit the relevant examinations. A student who fails the Examination may be obliged to fulfil other clinical and/or academic requirements prior to re-sitting the examination.

If a student is permitted to repeat a year of the program, the student will be scheduled to clinical simulation/clinical activity in Restorative Dentistry, Dental Surgery and/or Oral Health and Development as appropriate as part of the repeat module(s) to ensure clinical skills are retained. Full attendance is required at all scheduled activity in a repeat module.

The Dentistry modules are scheduled on a full five days per week basis. Full attendance is required at all scheduled clinical and teaching activities in Dentistry. Students are required to notify the Dental School Office of the reason for non-attendance via the digital 'Record of Notified Leave During Academic Year' form. Students may be required to provide medical certificates or explanation of other mitigating circumstances for all absences. The Deputy President and Registrar will be informed if a student's attendance has not been satisfactory. Failure to comply with these regulations can result in a student being deemed not to have fulfilled the requirements for entry to the relevant examinations.

Students must make formal application to the Dean for planned leave of absence. Such leave may be granted by the Dean in exceptional circumstances, in consultation with the relevant module coordinators.

Garda Vetting

Students, or applicants in receipt of an offer, on this programme will be subject to Garda Vetting as relevant. Students will be prohibited from engaging in a relevant work placement unless the vetting process has been cleared. Click here to view UCC's Student Garda Vetting Policy (<https://www.ucc.ie/en/media/studyatucc/undergrads/downloadabledocumentssection/UCCStudentVettingPolicyandProcedure.pdf>).

Fitness to Practise

This programme is subject to the University's Fitness to Practise Policy - full details may be found here (<https://www.ucc.ie/en/academicgov/aago-policies/fitnesstopractise/>).

Regulations for the Degree of BDS (Hons)

In each year of the BDS (Hons) programme, each subject consists of modules which are measured in terms of credits. A module may correspond to 5, 10, 15 or 20 credits. The first year of the degree programme consists of modules to a total value of 75 credits and years 2, 3 and 4 consist of 60 credits per year. Module descriptions are contained in the Book of Modules (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/>).

First Year - Dentistry for Graduate Entrants

In order to be admitted to the First University Examination in Dentistry, a student must have satisfactorily attended (i.e. the First Year), subsequent to entry to the College of Medicine and Health, prescribed modules amounting to **75** credits.

Note: Each Third Year Dentistry student and each Second Year Graduate Entry to Dentistry student is required to make a payment of €1,500 for the use of dental hospital equipment and instruments as part of the total charge of €4,000. The remaining payments will be made at the start of Fourth Year and Final Year in the amounts of €1,500 and €1,000 respectively. For Graduate Entry this applies to Third Year and Fourth Year.

Students may also opt to pay the full amount of €4,000 instead of the first instalment. Payments must be made at an appointed date during orientation week (you will be informed of this date/time in advance). Failure to make payment as scheduled will mean that access to instruments will be withdrawn immediately and access will not be reinstated until the scheduled payment has been made in full.

Second Year - Dentistry for Graduate Entrants

No student may enter the Second Graduate Entry Dental Year until he/she has passed the First University Examination in Graduate Entry Dentistry and he/she has satisfactorily attended the University and Hospital courses during the First Graduate Entry Dental Year. In order to be admitted to the Second University Examination in Graduate Entry Dentistry, a student must have satisfactorily pursued, subsequent to registration for the Second Graduate Entry Dental Year, prescribed modules amounting to **60** credits.

Note: *Unsatisfactory attendance at the prescribed Hospital or University courses will debar a student from admission to the Second University Examination in Graduate Entry Dentistry.*

Third Year - Dentistry for Graduate Entrants

No student may enter the Third Graduate Entry Dental Year until he/she has passed the Second University Examination in Graduate Entry Dentistry. In order to be admitted to the Third Graduate Entry Dental Examination a student must have satisfactorily pursued (i.e. the Third Year), subsequent to passing the Second University Examination in Graduate Entry Dentistry, prescribed modules to the value of **60** credits.

Note: *Unsatisfactory attendance at the prescribed University or Hospital courses will debar a student from admission to the Third University Examination in Graduate Dentistry.*

Fourth Year - Dentistry for Graduate Entrants

No student may enter the Fourth Graduate Entry Dental Year until he/she has passed the Third University Examination in Graduate Entry Dentistry. In order to be admitted to the Fourth Graduate Entry Dental Examination, a student must have satisfactorily pursued, subsequent to registration for the Fourth Graduate Entry Dental Year, prescribed modules to the value of **60** credits.

Note: *Unsatisfactory attendance at any of the above prescribed University or Hospital courses will debar a student from admission to the Fourth (Final) University Examination in Graduate Entry Dentistry.*

Recognised Teaching Hospital for Dental Students

University Dental School and Hospital

Head of Dental School and Hospital

Professor PAUL BRADY

The Dental School Year commences in August.

For further particulars and information apply to: Professor Paul Brady, Dean of the Dental School and Hospital, University Dental School and Hospital, Wilton, Cork.

Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 2).

Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Students take 75 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
<i>Anatomy</i>		
AN1006	Topographical Anatomy	10
AN2006	Neuroanatomy and Embryology for Dental Students	5
AN2008	Dental Morphology, Histology and Embryology	5
<i>Dentistry</i>		
OH1001	Fundamentals of Dentistry I	15
OH1002	Fundamentals of Dentistry II	5
<i>Pathology</i>		
FM2004	Foundations of Medicine: Mechanisms of Disease	10
<i>Physiology</i>		
PL2034	Physiology for Dental Students	10
<i>Pharmacology</i>		
PT2201	Principles of Dental Pharmacology	5
<i>Restorative Dentistry</i>		
RD2007	Introduction to Primary Care Dentistry	10
Year 2		
Students take 60 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
<i>Pharmacology</i>		
PT3201	Dental Pharmacology	5
<i>Pathology</i>		
PM3009	Manifestations of Systemic and Oral Disease	10
<i>Restorative Dentistry</i>		
RD3002	Foundations of Primary Care Dentistry	20
RD3006	Clinical Skills Development in Primary Care Dentistry	10
RD3009	Theoretical Primary Care Dentistry I	15
Year 3		
Students take 60 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
<i>Dental Surgery</i>		
DS4003	Clinical Medical Sciences in Dentistry	5
DS4004	Introduction to Dental Surgery	15
<i>Oral Health and Development</i>		
OH4003	Oral Health and Development 1	15

<i>Restorative Dentistry</i>		
RD4003	Theoretical Primary Care Dentistry II	5
RD4005	Clinical Primary Care Dentistry	20
Year 4		
Students take 60 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
<i>Part A</i>		
<i>Restorative Dentistry</i>		
RD5003	General Dental Practice	15
<i>Part B</i>		
<i>Dental Surgery</i>		
DS5001	Dental Surgery	10
<i>Oral Health and Development</i>		
OH5002	Oral Health and Development 2	15
<i>Restorative Dentistry</i>		
RD5001	Clinical Dental Practice	20
Total Credits		255

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for BDS (Hons) Degree (NFQ Level 8, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Display an appropriate caring behaviour towards patients and appropriate professional behaviour towards all members of the dental team;
- Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the ethical, professional and legal responsibilities involved in the provision of care to individual patients, to populations and communities;
- Communicate effectively with patients, their families, relatives and carers, and with other health professionals involved in their care;
- Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the biological sciences, the biopsychosocial model and their role in human functioning in the context of disease and illness;
- Apply knowledge and understanding of the biological, medical, technical and clinical sciences as relevant to the practice of dentistry;
- Obtain and record a complete history and examination of the patient's medical, oral and dental state, interpreting the findings in order to evaluate the oral and dental condition in patients;
- Formulate and record a diagnosis and treatment plan which meets the needs and demands of patients;
- Provide oral health care for patients at all stages in their life (including children, adolescents, adults and the ageing population/elderly) appropriately, effectively and safely;
- Use current concepts of oral health promotion, prevention and treatment of oral disease which supports the maintenance of systemic and oral health of individuals, families and groups in the community.