

BDS (HONS) (NON-EU GRADUATE ENTRY)

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.