

HKU Faculty of Dentistry launches new postgraduate programme in General Dentistry

A new 1-year full-time degree programme leading to the *Master of Science in General Dentistry (MSc[General Dent])* has been approved by the HKU Senate.

The new *MSc(General Dent)* offers dental practitioners the opportunity of higher training in clinical skills required for general dentistry. It also provides a foundation for further success and professional satisfaction in general dental practice. The programme centres on fixed and removable prosthodontics, operative dentistry, endodontics, and periodontology.

The degree aims to equip a graduate:

- (a) To be capable of assessing a patient's general and dental health, have knowledge of relevant disease processes, and be able to formulate a comprehensive treatment plan, including preventive care for adult patients with compromised dentition;
- (b) To undertake competently, on the basis of experience gained during the course, clinical procedures of fixed and removable prosthodontics, operative dentistry including the use of new restorative materials, non-surgical and surgical endodontic therapy, non-surgical and surgical periodontal therapy, and to understand the relevant dental materials; and
- (c) To have a sound knowledge of the scientific basis for various treatment options and be able to integrate theoretical and practical knowledge in respect of the management of adult patients with compromised dentition.

The duration of the course is 1 year of full-time study, with around 6 to 8 sessions per week, and a total of no less than 600 hours of prescribed educational and clinical endeavour. The Programme Admissions Advisor is Prof TW Chow, twchow@hku.hk.

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For more information about this and other Taught Postgraduate programmes at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry, visit <http://facdent.hku.hk/learning/pg_index.html>.

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