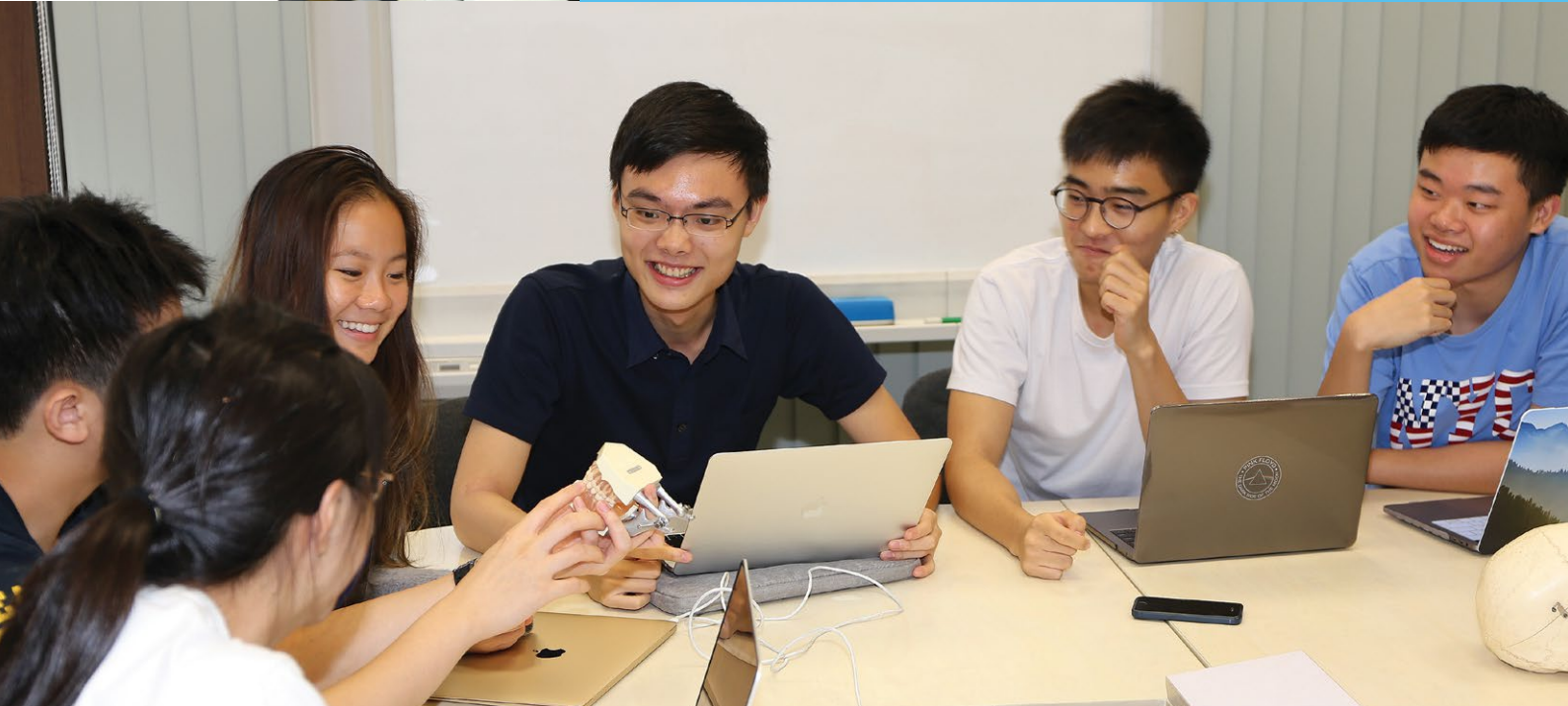




# Studying Dentistry in Hong Kong

An introduction to being a dentist  
in Hong Kong & training at the  
**HKU Faculty of Dentistry**



**Faculty of Dentistry**  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學牙醫學院

# Top Reasons for Studying Dentistry in Hong Kong

## The HKU Faculty of Dentistry

- (1) **Top** dental school in the world, in the Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings by Subject 2016 and 2017 – Dentistry
- (2) Has been delivering **world-class dental training** for more than 30 years
- (3) Generates graduates who are keenly sought after and **very well compensated** by employers soon after graduation
- (4) Provides a stimulating **problem-based learning** environment that encourages self-directed and life-long learning
- (5) Comprises an **international team** of dedicated and internationally recognised teachers, researchers, and clinicians
- (6) Has **outstanding** clinical, learning, and research facilities; undergraduate students are also well supported by the Dental Society of the HKU Students' Union
- (7) Provides **excellent support** from teams of dental surgery assistants, dental hygienists, and dental technicians
- (8) Offers postgraduate programmes leading to **internationally recognised** degrees and diplomas, the majority of which are accredited by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine as part of the training pathways of the eight dental specialties in Hong Kong



## Being a Dentist

### To be a dentist

Dentists deal with people, and their job involves diagnosing, preventing, and treating all aspects of oral diseases.

#### An ideal dentist is:

- Understanding, caring, and sympathetic to the needs of others
- Willing to serve the community
- Able to think, enquire, and process information logically
- Able to work with others in a team and be a team leader
- Able to communicate well with others
- Fit, with a healthy, cheerful disposition



### What a dentist does

Dentists enjoy the daily challenge of using sound scientific knowledge, modern techniques, and advanced equipment and materials to solve clinical problems.

#### Dentists:

- Diagnose, prevent, and treat problems of jaws and teeth due to disease, injury, or malformation
- Improve a patient's appearance via cosmetic dental procedures
- Perform surgical procedures such as metal implants, tissue grafts, and extractions
- Educate patients to better care for their teeth and prevent dental and oral diseases

#### In addition, dentists can:

- Teach future dentists and dental professionals
- Perform research to improve dental and oral health, and develop new treatments



# Becoming a Dentist in Hong Kong

## Studying at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry

The Faculty of Dentistry at The University of Hong Kong is the premier dental school in the world and the only institution in Hong Kong that provides undergraduate and postgraduate dental degrees. The Faculty was established in 1982 and is located in the Prince Philip Dental Hospital.

The current undergraduate intake is 73, and the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (HK) is recognised internationally and by the Dental Council of Hong Kong.



## The undergraduate dental degree



Since 1998, the HKU Faculty of Dentistry has fully integrated problem-based learning (PBL) into the undergraduate degree curriculum. We are now considered to be one of the world leaders in the field of dental PBL.

The aim of the HKU BDS degree

is to educate students to become caring, competent dental practitioners who are capable of life-long independent learning. Accordingly, the Faculty's BDS degree is student-centred and clinically focused. It integrates knowledge and skills across all relevant disciplines so that graduates are able to provide the highest standards of oral health care in a professional, proficient, ethical, and caring manner. Details of PBL can be obtained: <[http://facdent.hku.hk/docs/PBL\\_FacDentHKU\\_2008.pdf](http://facdent.hku.hk/docs/PBL_FacDentHKU_2008.pdf)>

## Degree curriculum outline

Students will learn:

- Biomedical, behavioural, social, and clinical sciences underlying oral diseases and oral disorders
- Prevention, clinical features, and management of oral diseases
- Diagnostic, operative (manual), interpersonal, and communication skills to allow students to develop into competent dental practitioners



## Learning environment

Multidisciplinary learning takes place at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry in the Prince Philip Dental Hospital, which houses a state-of-the-art Simulation Laboratory and a Haptics Unit that together allow students to practise dental procedures in a virtual-reality setting, a Problem-based Learning Suite equipped with interactive whiteboards, state-of-the-art patient clinics, and Asia's top specialist dental library. Students also benefit from the latest video and computer-assisted design and manufacturing technology.

Some learning occurs at other clinics and venues in Hong Kong, including the University Departments of Medicine and Surgery. Students in their senior years will take part in experiential learning activities outside Hong Kong.



# Dental Careers in Hong Kong

## Career paths

Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) at HKU can open various career paths. Graduates can pursue any of the following careers:

- Private general dental practice
- Hospital dentistry
- Government dental service
- Institutional general practice
- Specialist practice
- University teaching and research

Some career paths require further studies.

Dentists wanting to practise abroad may need to pass special examinations abroad; those who are trained abroad but want to work in Hong Kong are required to pass the licensing examination of the Dental Council of Hong Kong.



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