HKU Faculty of Dentistry launches new postgraduate programme in Community Dentistry

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

The new MSc(Com Dent) is a taught postgraduate programme that offers dental practitioners the opportunity of higher training in Community Dentistry, through a prescribed course of study and a supervised research project.

The degree programme involves advanced study and research into the theory and practice of preventive dentistry and related behavioural sciences, as well as systems for the provision of dental health care and their administration. The programme includes lectures, tutorials, clinical work, project assignments, and training in research methods.

The degree aims to:

(a) Give dentists insight into the principles and practice of community dentistry
(b) Provide understanding of how social and psychological factors influence oral health and how oral health has an impact on society
(c) Cover the fields of epidemiology and biostatistics as they relate to oral health
(d) Offer an opportunity to conduct research
(e) Help dentists to expand their role in improving oral health beyond individual patient care

The duration of the course is 1 year of full-time study, or equivalent by part-time study. The Programme Admissions Advisor is Prof Edward CM Lo, edward-lo@hku.hk. The deadline for the 2010-2011 intake is 15 July 2010.

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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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