

# DENTISTRY

The Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree programme provides our students with the knowledge, skills and professional attitudes that allows them to practise effectively as a dental surgeon in the 21st century.

Our success is based on the expertise, commitment and dedication of the entire dental teaching team. We have a strong belief that high quality dental undergraduate education requires all the dentists on our teaching staff to be actively practising their profession so that you can learn from and be taught by expert clinicians who are at the leading edge of modern clinical practice.

## COURSE CONTENT

### Years 1 and 2

Students are attached to dental clinics and also undertake modules where they learn about the foundations of clinical practice including the biomedical and behavioural sciences as well as the principles of dental patient management, dental health promotion and core clinical dental skills.

### Year 3

Introduces a greater clinical component within the various clinical dental specialties as well as developing students' core clinical skills in Restorative dentistry. Students also learn about the impact of systemic disease in dentistry.

### Years 4 and 5

Emphasis is on teaching advanced dental clinical skills within the range of clinical specialties in dentistry. Students carry out the full range of dental treatment for their own adult and child patients. Clinical tuition takes place in classes within the Dental School and in Outreach dental clinics.

## WHY QUEEN'S?

### Accreditation

The Queen's University Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree programme is recognised and approved by the United Kingdom's General Dental Council (GDC) as a registrable qualification.

### Clinical Placements

Students will have the opportunity to undertake clinical placements from year 1 of the course. During their course students will gain experience in a range of clinical settings to help develop their skills and career opportunities.

### Professional Training

Students who successfully complete the BDS programme can apply for full registration with the GDC which allows the registrant to practise as a dentist in the UK if the student fulfils the UK government's residency requirements.

### Intercalated Degrees

During the course of their dental degree, some students opt to study for an extra year to achieve an additional intercalated MSc or BSc. This may be undertaken at the end of the second or third year and involves an extra year of study taken outside of the Dental course. Dental students can undertake an intercalated degree in a range of areas including psychology, public health, clinical anatomy, biochemistry and microbiology.

### World-Class Facilities

We take great pride in our commitment to enhancing the student learning experience and our modern clinical facilities are a key part of this. Our students are working and learning in clinics which have been redeveloped to a high specification and a Clinical Techniques Laboratory (CTL) is now used by students throughout the programme.

## BDS

Dental Surgery (Bachelor of) 5 yrs (A200)

See also Biomedical Science and Human Biology

## Entrance Requirements

### Interview:

All offers are made on the basis of interviews. All candidates will be ranked and a proportion selected for interview. Offers will be made on the results of the interview. There are 15 International places available on the BDS degree and interviews for these students take place online.

### UCAT:

All applicants, assigned as NI, GB or EU for fees purposes, are required to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) and the results achieved will be used as part of the selection process prior to interview. Further information on UCAT is available at [ucat.ac.uk](http://ucat.ac.uk).

### A-level School Leavers:

AAA at A-level including Biology/Human Biology and Chemistry. GCSE Mathematics minimum grade C/4 is required if not offered at AS-level or A-level.

For A-level School Leavers a maximum of one Applied A-level will be counted. Please also note that only one Mathematics subject will be counted at A-level. A-level Critical Thinking and both A-level and AS-level General Studies are not acceptable.

For NI and GB applicants, GCSE performance in the best 9 subjects will be scored with 4 points awarded for an A\* (grade 9 in the new grading scale) and 3 for an A grade (grade 8/7 in the new grading scale). Points are not awarded for B and C grades (grades 6, 5 and 4 in the new grading scale).

For those who have not undertaken GCSE or equivalent level qualifications, then an academic score will be calculated on the basis of school reports.

UCAT will be scored and used in conjunction with the academic score to rank for interview.

AS-level performance and additional GCSE A grades may also be taken into account in borderline cases.

Evidence of commitment to Dentistry, motivation, communication skills and initiative are important.

## Graduates:

Applications from graduates or those in the final year of their degree are considered and the full academic background is taken into account. The minimum A-level threshold (or equivalent in other qualifications) is BBB at first attempt, ie: prior to commencing degree studies, or BBC at the first attempt for those with a First Class Honours Degree or PhD. Applicants must have the appropriate science background at GCSE and AS-level/A-level or equivalent (see below) and at least a 2.1 Honours classification in their primary (first) degree, which can be from a wide range of different subjects. A-level Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology are required. In addition, GCSE Mathematics minimum grade C/4 is required if not offered at AS-level or A-level. Graduate applicants who fulfil these criteria are then scored with their UCAT.

Graduate applicants from a non-science background but who fulfil the conditions in terms of grades achieved at the first attempt (ie in their original choice of A-level subjects) and degree performance will be considered if they undertake the appropriate Science qualifications on completion of their degree.

## International Applicants

International applicants are not scored (as above) and in considering applications a range of factors is taken into account including previous academic performance, predicted results (if applicable), evidence of English language ability, the Personal Statement and Reference.

For information on international qualification equivalents (eg the International Baccalaureate Diploma, USA/Canadian High School Diplomas or Hong Kong Diploma in Secondary Education), please select your country in the International Students website.

## Transfers from other Dental Schools:

Applications will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and entry will be to first year only. All normal entry requirements must be satisfied.

## Information for all applicants

Prior to admission all applicants will be required to provide evidence that they are non-infectious for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. Applicants who receive offers will be required to complete a health assessment with the Occupational Health Service of the University in accordance with Department of Health guidelines for new entrants to the Health Service.

• As a result of current legislative requirements, any offer made will be conditional on a satisfactory criminal history check (Access NI Enhanced Disclosure Check). To enable the University to request this check you will be required to provide some personal information which will be treated in the strictest of confidence and in line with Data Protection

Principles. The current cost of an Enhanced Disclosure Check is £33. At time of printing, changes are due to be implemented and relevant procedures and/or costs may change. Applicants will be advised of the relevant requirements at the appropriate time. For international students, a Certificate of Good Conduct or equivalent will be required in lieu of an Access NI check. Additional checks may be required depending on the applicants address history.

• The degree is subject to the University's Regulations on Fitness to Practise.

• Applicants will be required to give permission for a check against the Excluded Student Database prior to offers being made. This is a national database which records those who have previously been excluded from professional programmes because of fitness to practise concerns.

• Selection criteria for Dentistry are reviewed annually and therefore you should read the selection procedures which are available at [go.qub.ac.uk/ugstudy](http://go.qub.ac.uk/ugstudy), under 'Entrance Requirements and Selection Criteria' for further details and up-to-date information, prior to applying. This includes a pdf entitled 'How We Choose Our Students'.

More detailed information on applying to study Dentistry at Queen's is also available from the School website at: [qub.ac.uk/schools/mdbs/Study/Dentistry](http://qub.ac.uk/schools/mdbs/Study/Dentistry)

**Please Note:** the deadline for applications to this degree for 2022 entry is 6.00 pm on 15 October 2021 and arrangements should be made to undertake UCAT in advance of this.

## For students whose first language is not English

An IELTS score of 7.5 with a minimum of 7.0 in Speaking and Listening and 6.0 in the other test components or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: [go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs)

"My favourite aspect of the dental course is the clinical work. Every day we encounter something new and interesting, which makes the course very enjoyable."

Stephen Mullan,  
Dentistry student

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

Studying for a dental degree at Queen's will assist you in developing the core skills and employment-related experiences that are valued by employers, professional organisations and academic institutions.

There are a wide range of career opportunities available in dentistry. Following graduation it is mandatory to undergo a further one year of training in a Dental Foundation Training Scheme. Dentists can then decide to follow a career as a general dental practitioner or train to become a specialist in a dental discipline. Other dental career options include hospital dentistry, community dentistry, armed forces dentistry and university teaching and research.

## Further Study

Many of our graduates combine specialist clinical training with further study at Queen's at PhD or Master's level in research or education.

## Dentistry at Queen's is ranked 2nd in the UK

(Complete University Guide 2022)



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