Internship Program Guide 2015-2016
Message from the Acting Dean

When you start practicing dentistry, you start your lifelong learning and continuing education in your profession.

The aim of the internship is to ensure that all dentists upgrade their knowledge and acquire new skills, both to benefit their patients and to enhance the quality of their own professional lives. The internship program formalizes good practice and gives all dentists personal responsibility to direct their own learning in the interests of their patients. All dentists should participate in continuing professional development. The continuum of training and education begins as an undergraduate and continues after qualification over the practicing career.

General professional training is usually undertaken immediately following qualification and has been defined as the structured further development of knowledge, skills and attitudes common to all branches of the dental profession which will provide a basis for informed career choice and improved patient care. It is felt desirable that for more balanced training.

A consistent and high standard of postgraduate dental education is essential to sustain and improve patient care. The College of Dental Medicine, University of Sharjah plays a key role in this process.

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This Internship Training Program is recognized by The Ministry of Health. The entry requirements to approved specialist training programs will be through Internship Training Program.

Vision Statement

To create dental professionals that are highly competent in all aspects of dental practice to better serve the UAE community.

Mission Statement

This program aims to:

- Qualify interns to independently practice dentistry to high international standards professionally and ethically in order to successfully compete for advanced training or specialty in different fields of dentistry.

- Set the highest standards of oral health for patients and community
Goals of the Internship Training Program are to:

- refine and increase knowledge and skills acquired in dental school
- enjoy the opportunity to explore individual career options such as general practice, special patient care or specialty practice
- understand and implement the highest infection control standards and treatment records
- develop competence in evaluating the effects of medical conditions on the planning and provision of oral care and understand the relationship between oral findings and systemic disease
- develop competence in the provision of comprehensive multidisciplinary oral health care for a diverse patient group including patients with special needs
- provide high quality emergency and comprehensive dental care for patients at **Sharjah teaching hospital, College of Dental Medicine, University of Sharjah**
- learn to work effectively with other health professionals in an institutional setting
- get exposure and learn new techniques from practicing dentists
- get higher exposure to patients and increase clinical hours per day
- learn efficient dental practice and time management
- value and practice professional ethics and patient-centered care with an awareness and respect for the patients' background and ethnicity
- understand the oral health needs of communities, and engage in community service.
**General Duties**

- daily patient Care in clinic
- dental clerkship
- management of General Dentistry cases
- support & prepare cases for complex dental treatment in various dental specialties
- operating theater sessions
- preoperative care
- teaching-learning activities in dental undergraduate program

**Other Duties**

1. on-call duties after office hours (Emergency rotation)
2. weekly case presentations
3. weekly CPC (Clinical Pathology Conference)
4. Clinical Audit Clinical Practice Guideline meeting
5. weekly Journal Club Meetings
6. support research projects of College
7. participate in clinical workshops/seminars organized by college
Assessment of Competency

1. attendances in **all** clinical hours and sessions (minimum of 90% attendance)

2. satisfactory volume of clinical work recorded in Interns’ log Book. (Minimum of 90% of requirements done)

3. good report from all three major specialty rotations

4. has ability to make safe decisions and perform general dental work independently

5. excellent ethics and personal professional behavior

6. present two full mouth rehabilitation cases, in which patient should be of significant medical history

7. no record of infection control protocol violation & satisfactory records completion levels.
## Rotations

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*Completion of the program will better prepare a dentist to:*

- confidently treat patients with complex medical problems
- confidently manage more complex dental procedures
- pursue studies in a clinical dental specialty.
Typically (but not exclusively), this **Internship Training Program** is taken as a new graduate's **first** year of dental practice.

The **Internship Training Program** broadens their knowledge of medical and dental interactions through formal rotations in **Restorative Dentistry, Community Dentistry & Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery**. Attendance at on-going rounds and seminars occurs throughout the year.

**Internship Training Program** is available annually for a period of one calendar year starting in **October**. Successful applicants will be registered as postgraduate students in the Faculty of Dentistry for the length of their appointment, limited placements are available.

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

In order to be eligible for admission consideration, an applicant must be **graduated** of the BDS, DDS or DMD from a recognized College of Dental Medicine by the Ministry of Heath, UAE.

**Acceptance Procedures and Selecting Criteria**

- The College of Dental Medicine offers an internship program for the newly graduated dentists since 2010. It is a full-time one year rotation program over 3 major specializations of Dentistry.
- Every year the college of Dental Medicine receives hundreds of application forms from all over the world. However, we have limited capacity and we give priority to our graduates.
- The selection criteria for acceptance are very strict and the applicants need to apply on time.
- All needed documents should be submitted to the office of the program in the University Dental Hospitals before September 1st of each academic year.
- The program starts at the end of October and continues over 12 months.
• At the end of the program the successful trainee who completed all the needed requirements will be awarded a certificate of internship from the college.

• To apply for the program the candidate MUST submit the following documents:

  a. Original or a certified copy of the Bachelor of Dentistry (BDS, BDS, or SMS etc.) from a recognized university with at least 5 years program or 4 years if it is from USA or Canada.
  b. A completed application form and personal photo.
  c. Official transcript stating the courses and the grades that he obtained in his undergraduate dental program from his university.
  d. The candidate MUST submit a proof of a residency visa or the ability to attend the clinical evaluation if needed.

  c. The college will accept the newly graduates from UOS first. The applicants from other universities will compete on the remaining available seats.
  d. The college will study ONLY completed files and submit a list of potential candidates to the administrative personnel to contact the candidate and allocate a time for clinical evaluation.
  e. The potential candidate will be clinically evaluated by a senior clinical tutor and given a grade according to the evaluation form.
  f. The administrative personnel will arrange the list of potential candidates according to the grades obtained from the clinical evaluator from higher to lower grades and identified by ID numbers not by names.
  g. The college will choose the candidates with the highest grades according the number of seats available.
  h. In case of any candidate withdrew or did not pay the tuition fee to the financial office by the deadline we will take the next candidate from the waiting list according to his grade in the clinical evaluation.
**Schedule Requirements**

Clinic hours are Sunday to Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Three main departments have to be completed for four months rotation for each department. Each department will have its own special requirements of time, effort, and clinical/research work, according to the specialist in charge of it.

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