Message from the Dean

It is a great pleasure to introduce General Professional Training in **College of Dental Medicine, University of Sharjah**. This internship year will provide a helpful and practical overview of general professional training for you as a new graduate in Dentistry.

General professional training provides exciting opportunities for the newly graduates and is designed to provide broad based clinical training in several disciplines of dentistry to prepare the graduate for subsequent training in the career of their choice. This is supported by an educational process.

The faculty in the College of Dental Medicine have put together a program to assist newly-graduated clinicians to develop their skills in all facets of general dentistry. Interns will have the opportunity to treat more advanced and complex cases thus discovering perhaps new areas of special interest in the clinical treatment of patients. This program also allows the new graduate to discover or confirm potential fields for additional graduate study in the future.

The UoS Internship Program is the perfect bridge between graduating as a dentist with general skills, to finding the clinical area that interests you most where special skills can be enhanced, along with a general increase in skill level in all areas of general dentistry.

Prof. Richard John Simonsen
Dean
**INTRODUCTION**

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.

Prof. Sausan Al Kawas

Head of Internship & Clinical residency program
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 Intern 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.

**Schedule Requirements**

Clinic hours are Sunday to Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 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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