University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

MChD Community Dentistry (11250071)

Duration of study 4 years

Admission requirements

(i) Each candidate for admission to the study for the MChD degree programme must:

- either hold the BChD degree of the University of Pretoria or an equivalent qualification, or be admitted to master's degree studies in terms of the stipulations of General Regulations G.1.3 and G.62;
- be registered as a dentist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa in the category Independent Practice.

(ii)For the MChD degree (endorsement Maxillofacial Surgery – Medical or Dental (Codes 11250091 and 11250011), a candidate

- is required, subject to the stipulations of General Regulations G.1.3 and G.62, to have obtained the BChD and/or MBChB degree or equivalent qualification at least one year previously, passed the Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (maximum three attempts), as well as the basic subjects Anatomy 870, Physiology 806 and Pharmacology 809 and the PGDipDent (Oral Surgery), with a minimum pass mark of 65% in the major subject. Students who hold the Postgraduate Diploma in Dentistry [PGDipDent(Oral Surgery)] and/or the Master of Science Dentistry [MScDent] with Oral Surgery as the main field of study, may apply in writing for credit for the basic subject(s) (see also General Regulation G.10.3(b)).
- is required to be registered as a dentist and/or physician with the Health Professions Council of South Africa in the category Independent Practice.

Other programme-specific information

Additionally, the Diploma in Health Systems Management must be attended and passed on a capita selecta basis, or any other management course as determined by the head of department and approved by the dean.

Examinations and pass requirements

(i) **Examinations in the basic subjects**

a. A student must pass these subjects prior to admission to the examination in the major subject. A minimum of at least 50% is required to pass.
b. Examinations in the basic subjects must be passed before the end of the third year of study, or at a time as determined by the head of department.
c. The Diploma in Health Systems Management offered by the School of Health Systems and Public Health must be attended and passed

(ii) **Examinations in the major subject**

a. Admission to the examination in the major subject is determined by the head of department.

b. The student must submit and pass a dissertation on an approved topic related to the major subject and submit a manuscript for publication as required.

Also consult the General Regulations.

i. **Examinations in the basic and subsidiary subjects (with the exception of KGM 803)**:

a. A student must pass these subjects prior to admission to the examination in the major subject. A minimum of at least 50% is required to pass.
b. Examinations in the basic and subsidiary subjects must be passed before the end of the third year of study, or at a time as determined by the head of department.

ii. **Examinations in the major subject**: Admission to the examination in the major subject is determined by the head of department.
iii. If a student fails one or more of the basic subjects, subsidiary subjects or the major subject, the head of department may recommend to the examination moderating meeting, that he or she be admitted to a supplementary examination. A student who has been admitted to a second examination in a basic subject must write the examination during the next examination period. Second examinations in the major subject may only take place after a minimum period of six months has elapsed since the examination in which the student failed.

NB:

a. In view of the fact that a postgraduate student may repeat an examination in any subject only once, a student who fails a second examination will have to discontinue the programme. In this event, a student who has been holding a registrarship, will have to vacate the position as soon as possible after one calendar month's notice to the University of Pretoria and/or other recognised training institution, where applicable.
b. If a student is admitted to a second examination in the major subject, the head of department will determine whether he/she has to vacate the registrarship at the end of the training period, or immediately after the second examination.

iv. **Subminimum**: In order to pass in the major subject a student must obtain a subminimum of 50% in all the sections of the examination, with a final mark of at least 50%.
v. The stipulations of the General Regulations are applicable with regard to attendance courses.
vi. In addition to the stipulations already mentioned, a dissertation on a topic related to the major subject must also be submitted. In order to pass in the final examination, a pass mark must also be obtained for the dissertation.

Exemption

Exemption may be granted by the Dean, on the recommendation of the Head of Department by virtue of comparable training and/or experience in terms of the requirements of School Regulations, with the proviso that exemption from the examination and evaluation in the major subject may not be granted.

Please note: The regulations of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, as published in the Government Gazette No. 4631 of 11 January 1991 – Notice No. R.40 (as amended), will be used as a criterion in determining the period of exemption.

Practical/clinical/internship information

Practical training is provided at recognised institutions.

Pass with distinction

A student who obtains a final mark of at least 75% (with the first attempt) in the major subject qualifies to obtain the degree with distinction.

An MChD student, who has obtained at least 75% with the first attempt in both his major subject and the dissertation, will receive the degree with distinction.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 558

Core modules

Biostatistics (1) 870 (BOS 870)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	HME 870
Contact time	1 practical per week, 16 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Community dentistry 800 (GTH 800)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Community Dentistry
Period of presentation	Year

Introduction to health measurement 870 (HME 870)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 practical per week, 1 other contact session per week, 1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week, 1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The principles of epidemiology including applied epidemiology (e.g. infectious disease epidemiology, clinical epidemiology and operational research). The use of EpiData software for questionnaire design and data collection.

Applied oral pathology 801 (TMP 801)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Oral Pathology and Oral Biolog
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 558

Core modules

Community dentistry 800 (GTH 800)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Community Dentistry
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 558

Core modules

Community dentistry 800 (GTH 800)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Community Dentistry
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 558

Core modules

Community dentistry 800 (GTH 800)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Community Dentistry
Period of presentation	Year

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The General Regulations (G Regulations) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the General Rules section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.