University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

MChD (Periodontics and Oral Medicine) (10252045)

Department	School of Dentistry
Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	540
NQF level	09

Admission requirements

1. BChD (or equivalent) degree
2. Registration as a dentist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) in the category Independent Practice

Other programme-specific information

Exemption may be granted by the Chair of School, on the recommendation of the relevant 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.

Examinations and pass requirements

Examination and evaluation in the major subject
Admission to the examination in the major subject is determined by the relevant head of department.

a. Only candidates who have met all the requirements for the MChD degree except for the major subject (final examination), i.e. passed all the prerequisite subjects; completed all applicable training as prescribed by the relevant head of department; and completed the required research component for the degree, will be allowed to write the final MChD examination, after which they will obtain the MChD specialist qualifications.
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.
c. Candidates who have met all of the above criteria may choose to sit for the final Colleges of Medicine South Africa (CMSA) Part II examination in place of / in addition to the final MChD examination, and be credited for this where applicable. They will however still have to gain signed approval from their respective Heads of Department that they have fulfilled all of the necessary requirements. Registration costs for the CMSA examination will be at their own expense.

Also consult the General Academic 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 relevant head of department.

ii. Examinations in the major subject: Admission to the examination in the major subject is determined by the relevant head of department.
iii. If a student fails one or more of the basic subjects, subsidiary subjects or the major subject, the relevant 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 months' 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 relevant 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 Academic 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.

Research information

The student must submit prior to sitting for the final examination (to the external examiner) and pass a dissertation on an approved topic related to the major subject as required in obtaining the MChD.

Pass 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.

General information

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 150

Core modules

Anatomy 811 (ANA 811)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomy
Period of presentation	Year

Anatomical pathology 815 (ANP 815)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomical Pathology
Period of presentation	Year

Ethics and human rights 800 (EHR 800)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Dentistry
Period of presentation	Year

Physiology 811 (FSG 811)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Physiology
Period of presentation	Year

Oral biology 810 (MDB 810)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
Period of presentation	Year

Oral medicine I 810 (MGK 810)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Periodontics and Oral Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Orthodontics 810 (ORD 810)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	15 discussion classes
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Orthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Implantology I 810 (PDI 810)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Prosthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Periodontics I 811 (PMG 811)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09

Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	20 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Periodontics and Oral Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Prosthodontics 810 (PRD 810)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Prosthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Applied research methodology 810 (TNM 810)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Health Sciences Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Attendance module only.

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 130

Core modules

Pharmacology 812 (FAR 812)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Pharmacology
Period of presentation	Year

Oral medicine II 812 (MGK 812)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	MGK 811
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Orthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Oral pathology 812 (MPG 812)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
Period of presentation	Year

Orthodontics II 812 (ORD 812)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	15 discussion classes
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department	Orthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Implantology II 812 (PDI 812)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	PDI 811
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Orthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Periodontics I 811 (PMG 811)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	20 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Periodontics and Oral Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Prosthodontics 812 (PRD 812)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Prosthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 75

Core modules

Oral medicine III 813 (MGK 813)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	MGK 811 and MGK 812
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Orthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Implantology III 813 (PDI 813)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	PDI 811 and PDI 812
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Orthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Periodontics III 813 (PMG 813)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	PMG 811 and PMG 812
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Orthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 185

Core modules

Oral medicine IV 814 (MGK 814)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	MGK 811, MGK 812 and MGK 813
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Orthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Implantology IV 814 (PDI 814)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	PDI 811, PDI 812 and PDI 813
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Orthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Dissertation: Periodontics and oral medicine 895 (PDL 895)

Module credits	125.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Periodontics and Oral Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Periodontics IV 814 (PMG 814)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	PMG 811, PMG 812 and PMG 813
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Orthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Regulations and rules

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The General Academic Regulations (G Regulations) and General Student Rules apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.

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