University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

MChD Orthodontics (10252020)

Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	904

Admission requirements

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.

Examinations and pass requirements

Examination in the basic subjects
A student must pass all the basic subjects [University of Pretoria or the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa] before he or she may be admitted to the first year of study.

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

a. The final exit examination of the major subjects will be administered by the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa. 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 Head of Department concerned; and completed the required research component for the degree, will be allowed to write the College examination (exit examination) after which they will obtain both the College qualification and the MChD as 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. Costs or fees for any examination(s) and registration at the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa have to be met by the student.

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 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 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 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 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 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.

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: 724

Core modules

Anatomy 871 (ANA 871) - Credits: 36.00
Ethics and human rights 800 (EHR 800) - Credits: 0.00
Physiology 806 (FSG 806) - Credits: 36.00
Maxillo-facial and oral surgery 800 (KGM 800) - Credits: 24.00
Human genetics 802 (MGN 802) - Credits: 24.00
Oral pathology 801 (MPG 801) - Credits: 24.00
Orthodontics 803 (ORD 803) - Credits: 464.00
Dissertation: Orthodontics 891 (ORD 891) - Credits: 180.00
Pedodontics 801 (PDD 801) - Credits: 24.00
Periodontics and oral medicine 801 (PMG 801) - Credits: 24.00
Prosthodontics 801 (PRD 801) - Credits: 24.00
Radiography 800 (RAD 800) - Credits: 24.00
Speech therapy 800 (SKT 800) - Credits: 20.00
Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 488

Core modules

Ethics and human rights 800 (EHR 800) - Credits: 0.00
Oral pathology 801 (MPG 801) - Credits: 24.00
Orthodontics 803 (ORD 803) - Credits: 464.00
Dissertation: Orthodontics 891 (ORD 891) - Credits: 180.00
Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 644

Core modules

Ethics and human rights 800 (EHR 800) - Credits: 0.00
Orthodontics 803 (ORD 803) - Credits: 464.00
Dissertation: Orthodontics 891 (ORD 891) - Credits: 180.00
Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 644

Core modules

Orthodontics 803 (ORD 803) - Credits: 464.00
Dissertation: Orthodontics 891 (ORD 891) - Credits: 180.00

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.