Health Sciences (Undergraduate) - 2019

BChD
The School of Dentistry at the University of Pretoria enjoys wide national and international recognition for the quality of its training, research, patient care and its involvement in community-based projects. Since 1950 the School of Dentistry (formerly the Faculty of Dentistry) has been producing graduates who make a decisive contribution to the practice of dentistry, health management, statutory councils and academic training, both nationally and internationally.

The typical work day of a dentist is spent diagnosing and treating diseases of the mouth and teeth. This includes the removal or repair of carious teeth, the replacement of absent teeth by means of crown and bridge therapy and the treatment of diseases of the gums. The dentist is also responsible for surgical intervention in the mouth, the alignment of irregular teeth, alleviation of pain, root canal treatment of teeth and the planning of dental treatment in cooperation with the patient.

Dentistry offers many challenges and stimulating opportunities for men and women. With the exclusive aim of rendering high-quality oral health care to the patient, the dentist cooperates as a team member with all the other role-players of the oral health team. The total health of the individual forms the basis of the training of each dentist. Dentists should have special characteristics. They should be academically gifted and dexterity is an indispensable prerequisite.

In order to keep pace with the modern requirements of tertiary education, the School of Dentistry follows a curriculum that is problem-based, student-orientated and directed at the community, with vertical and horizontal integration of subjects.

Dentistry is a programme over five years, followed by one year of compulsory community service.

The first semester of the first year of BChD (Bachelor of Dentistry) and MBChB (Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery) is the same. As early as the second semester of the first year of study, students get first-hand exposure to clinical dentistry.

Programme Code
10136001

Closing date for application
- South African students
  31/05/2018
- International students
  31/05/2018

Career Opportunities
Dentists, specialists, academics and researchers
Admission Requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria; and a candidate who is currently in university.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the APS.
- Grade 11 final examination results, the NBT results as well as a Value-added Questionnaire will be used for the conditional admission of prospective students.
- Admission to Health Sciences programmes is subject to a selection process.
- The applications of international candidates who come from countries that have medical schools will not be considered for placement in the MBChB programme except where intergovernmental agreements are in place.
- For selection purposes the sum of the results in six subjects, including English, Mathematics and Physical Science, is calculated.
- Candidates, please note that your APS may not drop with more than two points in your final school examination results in order to maintain your provisional admission.
- PLEASE NOTE that compliance with the minimum admission requirements does not necessarily guarantee admission to any programme in this Faculty.
- Selection queries may be directed to healthapplications@up.ac.za.

Minimum requirements

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* Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission.

Selection Process

Selection is based on Grade 11 results, the NBT and the Value-added Questionnaire.
Faculty Notes
As an international role-player focusing on healthcare in Africa, the vision of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Pretoria is to maintain health standards through quality education, research and community service. Since its inception, it has grown to be one of the largest health training institutions in the country and boasts an undergraduate and postgraduate student corps of over 6 000.

Students who join this Faculty will be part of a new generation of health professionals. The Faculty’s training is outcomes-based and problem-orientated – a unique way of looking at patients and their health.

Duration of study
5 years, full-time.

Enquiries about the programme
Click Here
Note: Also consult General Rules and Information on the Yearbook website for additional information.

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