MChD *Oral Pathology* (10252030)

Department	School of Dentistry
Minimum duration of study	5 years
Total credits	848
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

Costs or fees for any examination(s) and registration at the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa have to be met by the student.

Examinations and pass requirements

Examinations in the basic subjects

A student must pass the basic subject Molecular pathology (MPX 800) at the University of Pretoria. The basic subject, Anatomical pathology (ANP 808) will be examined by the College of Pathologists as their Part I examination.

Examination and evaluation in the major subject

a. The final exit examination of the major subject (MPG 802) will be administered by the College of Pathologists. Only candidates who have met all the requirements for the MChD degree in Oral Pathology except for the major subject (final examination), i.e. passed all the prerequisite subjects; completed all applicable training as prescribed (continuous evaluation of the candidate in an approved registrar post by the relevant head of department); 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 FCP 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. 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.
d. Costs or fees for any examination(s) and registration at the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa have to be met by the student.

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.

Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Anatomical pathology 808 (ANP 808) - Credits: 48.00
Ethics and human rights 800 (EHR 800) - Credits: 0.00
Oral pathology 802 (MPG 802) - Credits: 500.00
Dissertation: Oral pathology 891 (MPG 891) - Credits: 180.00
Molecular pathology 800 (MPX 800) - Credits: 120.00
Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Core modules

Anatomical pathology 808 (ANP 808) - Credits: 48.00
Ethics and human rights 800 (EHR 800) - Credits: 0.00
Oral pathology 802 (MPG 802) - Credits: 500.00
Dissertation: Oral pathology 891 (MPG 891) - Credits: 180.00
Molecular pathology 800 (MPX 800) - Credits: 120.00
Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Curriculum: Year 3

Core modules

Ethics and human rights 800 (EHR 800) - Credits: 0.00
Oral pathology 802 (MPG 802) - Credits: 500.00
Dissertation: Oral pathology 891 (MPG 891) - Credits: 180.00
Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Curriculum: Year 4

Core modules

Ethics and human rights 800 (EHR 800) - Credits: 0.00
Oral pathology 802 (MPG 802) - Credits: 500.00
Dissertation: Oral pathology 891 (MPG 891) - Credits: 180.00
Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules
Oral pathology 802 (MPG 802) - Credits: 500.00
Dissertation: Oral pathology 891 (MPG 891) - Credits: 180.00

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules
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. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information
The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project
The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.