

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Academic competency in oral health 171 (ACO 171)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Health Sciences
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Oral Hygiene [BOH]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	5 lectures per week for 9 weeks, 1 practical per week for 7 weeks
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Community Dentistry
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module will introduce the new oral hygiene student to the dental and university environment. It will also serve as the foundation for the total oral hygiene programme and will assist the student to feel more comfortable and settled in the new environment. This module entails the following:

- Professionalism and ethics
- Group work and communication
- Use of the library and correct referencing in assignments
- Academic skills such as academic writing and reading, effective studying and how to do assignments
- Dental terminology
- Dental specialities
- Dental instruments, equipment and materials
- Dental charting
- Infection control
- Occupational health and safety
- Brushing and flossing

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.