

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Orthodontics 480 (ORD 480)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Health Sciences
Module credits	17.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Dental Surgery [BChD]
Prerequisites	4th-year status
Contact time	Once a week for 18 weeks, One discussion class per week for 15 weeks, 1 practical per week for 37 weeks, 1 lecture per week for 38 weeks
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Orthodontics
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The modules in this subject extend over the third, fourth and fifth years of study. Lectures, practical and clinical work, seminars and discussions on the following:

- Basic principles and therapeutic measures.
- Occlusion: development and morphology.
- Development and growth: cranium.
- Stainless steel: properties and uses.
- Orthodontic devices: requirements and types.
- Changes in tissue.
- Malocclusion: classification and aetiology.
- Examination, aids, diagnosis and planning.
- Bad habits.
- Preventive and interceptive orthodontics.
- Treatment: principles, problems with space, methods.
- The role of extraction.
- Retention.

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.