

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Patients with special needs 371 (PSB 371)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Health Sciences
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Oral Hygiene [BOH]
Prerequisites	ODO 271, OFC 271, RAD 271, PDL 271, ORD 271, GAP 271, VKM 271, TBW 271
Contact time	2 lectures per week for 28 weeks
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Community Dentistry
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Patients with special needs pose unique challenges, especially in relation to the need for an inventive and carefully planned approach suited to each individual's needs. This module will therefore equip the oral hygiene student to manage patients in this regard. The focus is on adapting and modifying the approach and management of the patient according to the specific need for instance pregnancy, physical and mental disabilities, medical conditions and age.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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