MChD in Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery (10252052)

Department	School of Dentistry
Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	565
NQF level	09

Programme information

This is the four-year programme that, on completion, allows the incumbent to register with HPCSA as a specialist maxillofacial and oral surgeon. The programme offers specialised training in maxillofacial and oral surgery. In addition, UP registrars are exposed and trained in the sub-speciality fields like head and neck oncology and cleft deformities of the face.

Additional requirements

Exemption
Exemption may be granted by the Chair of School, 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.

Other programme-specific information

Examination in the basic subjects
A student must pass all the basic subjects [University of Pretoria or the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa] before he or she may be admitted to the first year of study.

Examinations and pass requirements

Examination and evaluation in the major subject
Admission to the examination in the major subject is determined by the relevant head of department.
a. Only candidates who have met all the requirements for the MChD degree except for the major subject (final examination), i.e., passed all the prerequisite subjects; completed all applicable training as prescribed by the relevant head of department; and completed the required research component for the degree, will be allowed to write the examination and qualify as a specialist.
b. A minimum number of procedures must have been performed before a registrar is allowed to write the final examination.

c. 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.

Also consult the General Academic Regulations

i. Examinations in the basic and subsidiary subjects (with the exception of KGM 803):
a. A student must pass these subjects prior to admission to the examination in the major subject. A minimum of at least 50% is required to pass.
b. Examinations in the basic and subsidiary subjects must be passed before the end of the third year of study, or at a time as determined by the relevant head of department.
ii. Examinations in the major subject: Admission to the examination in the major subject is determined by the relevant head of department.
iii. If a student fails one or more of the basic subjects, subsidiary subjects or the major subject, the relevant head of department may recommend to the examination moderating meeting, that he or she be admitted to a supplementary examination. A student who has been admitted to a second examination in a basic subject must write the examination during the next examination period. Second examinations in the major subject may only take place after a minimum period of six months has elapsed since the examination in which the student failed.
NB:
a. In view of the fact that a postgraduate student may repeat an examination in any subject only once, a student who fails a second examination will have to discontinue the programme. In this event, a student who has been holding a registrarship, will have to vacate the position as soon as possible after one calendar months' notice to the University of Pretoria and/or other recognised training institution, where applicable.
b. If a student is admitted to a second examination in the major subject, the relevant head of department will determine whether he/she has to vacate the registrarship at the end of the training period, or immediately after the second examination.
iv. Subminimum: In order to pass in the major subject a student must obtain a subminimum of 50% in all the sections of the examination, with a final mark of at least 50%.
v. The stipulations of the General Academic Regulations are applicable with regard to attendance modules.
vi. In addition to the stipulations already mentioned, a dissertation on a topic related to the major subject must also be submitted. In order to pass in the final examination, a pass mark must also be obtained for the dissertation.

Research information

The student must submit prior to sitting for the final examination (to the external examiner) and pass a dissertation on an approved topic related to the major subject and submit a manuscript for publication as required in obtaining the MChD.

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.

An MChD student, who has obtained an average of 75% in the whole programme with the first attempt in their major subject, and the dissertation, will receive the degree with distinction.

Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Anatomy 808 (ANA 808)

Module credits	36.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomy
Period of presentation	Year

Anatomy 811 (ANA 811)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomy
Period of presentation	Year

Ethics and human rights 800 (EHR 800)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Dentistry
Period of presentation	Year

Physiology 811 (FSG 811)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Physiology
Period of presentation	Year

Maxillofacial and oral surgery I 881 (MFO 881)

Module credits	90.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Maxillo-Facial and Oral Surgery
Period of presentation	Year

Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Health Sciences Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Attendance module only.

Curriculum: Year 2

Core modules

General surgery 830 (BVC 830)

Module credits	60.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Surgery
Period of presentation	Year

Maxillo facial and oral surgery 860 (MFO 860)

Module credits	25.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Maxillo-Facial and Oral Surgery
Period of presentation	Year

Maxillofacial and oral surgery II 882 (MFO 882)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	MFO 881
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Maxillo-Facial and Oral Surgery
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Year 3

Core modules

Maxillofacial and oral surgery III 883 (MFO 883)

Module credits	100.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	MFO 881 and MFO 882
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Maxillo-Facial and Oral Surgery
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Maxillofacial and oral surgery IV 884 (MFO 884)

Module credits	90.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	MFO 881, MFO 882 and MFO 883
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Maxillo-Facial and Oral Surgery
Period of presentation	Year

Dissertation: Maxillofacial and oral surgery 890 (MFO 890)

Module credits	125.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Maxillo-Facial and Oral Surgery
Period of presentation	Year

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.