

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

PhD specialising in Dentistry (10264000)

Department School of Dentistry

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

Programme information

The degree PhD is conferred by virtue of a thesis, with the proviso that the Faculty Board, on the recommendation of the examination panel, may require an oral examination which deals with the topic of the thesis.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G42-G55.

Admission requirements

1. Relevant master's degree
2. A cumulative weighted average of at least 65% in either MScDent or MChD (Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery) (or equivalent) if Maxillo-Facial and Oral Surgery is chosen as main field of study

Other programme-specific information

Note: Module code THW 990 Dental Sciences 990 is to be used for PhD projects that fall outside of the boundaries of departments.



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Thesis: Community dentistry 990 (GTH 990) - Credits: 360.00

Thesis: Maxillo-facial and oral surgery 990 (KGM 990) - Credits: 360.00

Thesis: Oral pathology and oral biology 990 (MPG 990) - Credits: 360.00

Thesis: Odontology 990 (ODO 990) - Credits: 360.00

Thesis: Orthodontics 990 (ORD 990) - Credits: 360.00

Thesis: Periodontology and oral medicine 990 (PDL 990) - Credits: 360.00

Thesis: Prosthodontics 990 (PRD 990) - Credits: 360.00

Thesis: Dental management sciences 990 (TBW 990) - Credits: 360.00

Thesis: Dental sciences 990 (THW 990) - Credits: 360.00

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis: Community dentistry 990 (GTH 990) - Credits: 360.00
Thesis: Maxillo-facial and oral surgery 990 (KGM 990) - Credits: 360.00
Thesis: Oral pathology and oral biology 990 (MPG 990) - Credits: 360.00
Thesis: Odontology 990 (ODO 990) - Credits: 360.00
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Thesis: Dental management sciences 990 (TBW 990) - Credits: 360.00
Thesis: Dental sciences 990 (THW 990) - Credits: 360.00

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.