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The Faculty of Dentistry offers programs of study leading to the Doctor of Dental Medicine, Master of Science in Craniofacial Science, Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science, and Bachelor of Dental Science in Dental Hygiene. The Faculty also offers the International Dental Degree Completion Program. The M.Sc. and Ph.D. (Craniofacial Science) graduate programs are offered as stand-alone degrees or in combination with a diploma in one of several clinical specialties (endodontics, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics). In addition post-graduate programs in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology and a General Practice Residency are available. For information on graduate and postgraduate programs, see the Faculty of Dentistry's website (www.dentistry.ubc.ca). In addition to graduate and postgraduate programs, there is strong emphasis on continuing dental education for the dental and allied professions, under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Vice Provost Health.

The teaching and research facilities of the Faculty of Dentistry are housed in the Dental Health Sciences (John Barfoot Macdonald) Building, while clinical facilities are housed in the adjoining Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre, all part of the Health Sciences Centre to promote integrated teaching of the health services team. Instruction in the basic biomedical sciences is provided by basic science departments of the faculties of Dentistry and Medicine. Library facilities are provided in the Woodward Biomedical Library.

Doctor of Dental Medicine

Doctor of Dental Medicine > Introduction

The Doctor of Dental Medicine program is designed to prepare students to practice dentistry with a sound knowledge of the related biological, clinical, and behavioural sciences, and to emphasize the role of the dentist as a health professional in the community.

Doctor of Dental Medicine > Admission

NOTE: The Faculty of Dentistry is not accepting applications to the International Dental Degree Completion Program (IDDCP) at this time until further notice.

Internationally-trained dentists holding Canadian Citizenship or valid permanent residency permits in Canada are eligible to apply to the 4-year DMD program provided all admissions requirements are met.

Admission to the Faculty of Dentistry is based on academic performance and personal qualities as evidenced by aptitude tests, problem based learning (PBL) assessment, and personal interviews. Since facilities for pre-clinical and clinical instruction are
limited, enrolment is restricted.

Domestic applicants must supply evidence of Canadian citizenship or permanent residency of Canada.

Domestic Applicants from the Yukon, Nunavut or Northwest Territories will be considered in-province candidates.

A limited number of international applicants may be admitted to the D.M.D. program.

By reciprocal agreement, DMD programs that are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada are recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

However, individuals attending dental programs in one country and planning to practice in another country should carefully investigate the requirements of the state licensing jurisdiction where they wish to practice.

For additional information, please visit the Canadian Dental Association website (http://www.cda-adc.ca/cdacweb/en).

For specific information concerning international dental professionals, please visit: www.cda-adc.ca/cdacweb/en/international_professionals

Completion of three academic years in a Faculty of Arts or Science including pre-dental requirements at UBC or the equivalent, with a minimum scholastic average of 70%, (based on the system of grading used at UBC), is required.

Fulfilment of the minimum requirements for admission does not guarantee acceptance. The number of qualified applicants significantly exceeds the number of available positions. Not every qualified applicant will be offered admission. Candidates who meet admission requirements but who are not successful in gaining a place with their initial application may reapply for admission in a subsequent year.

Application forms and information regarding the admissions process, deadlines, and pre-dental requirements are available from Dentistry (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca). Applicants must submit the required non-refundable application fee to cover the costs of evaluating application documents. Applicants to the Faculty of Dentistry who have been required to withdraw from a dental program will not normally be granted admission.

Indigenous Applicants

The Faculty of Dentistry welcomes applications from qualified Indigenous applicants from Canada and the United States (Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis, and Inuit). The Indigenous admission process of the Faculty has a limited number of reserved seats in the first year D.M.D. Undergraduate program (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/dmd/dmd-admission-procedures).

Applicants in the Indigenous category are required to provide evidence of their Indigenous identity.

The application will also be automatically considered under the General Category.

For further information please contact admissions@dentistry.ubc.ca.

Prerequisites
Only applicants who have completed the following prerequisite courses by April of the academic year in which they apply will be considered for admission. The courses listed below are for students completing their prerequisites at UBC. To access course descriptions for these courses, please consult the Course Descriptions (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/courses.cfm) of the Academic Calendar.

1. **English**  
   Minimum 6 credits. The 6-credit first year English requirement can be met by taking one of ENGL 112, ASTU 150, or ENGL 100, PLUS one of ENGL 110, ENGL 111, ENGL 120, or ENGL 121; or it can be met by successfully completing the Arts One Program or CAP (Coordinated Arts Program).

2. **Chemistry**  
   Minimum 6 credits. One of CHEM 111 and 113, CHEM 121 and 123, CHEM 111 and 123, or equivalents.

3. **Biology**  
   Minimum 6 credits. For UBC students who have been given an exemption from BIOL 111, the 5 credits of BIOL 121 and BIOL 140 are sufficient. No additional course is required. If the applicant does not meet the above criteria, the minimum 6 credits are required. BIOL 111, BIOL 121, and BIOL 140 (for students without BIOL 12).

4. **Organic Chemistry**  
   Minimum 6 credits. CHEM 203 and CHEM 213; or CHEM 233, CHEM 235, and CHEM 213; or CHEM 233, CHEM 235 and CHEM 205. If taken prior to September 2011: CHEM 203 and CHEM 204.

5. **Biochemistry**  
   Minimum 6 credits. BIOC 202 and BIOC 302 (recommended); or BIOL 201 and BIOC 302; or BIOC 303 (if taken prior to September 2012, BIOC 300).

Applicants who have completed course combinations based on previously published information are assured that they have satisfied the prerequisite requirements in the applicable subject above.

Students who have completed the UBC Science One Program will have completed the requirements numbered 2 and 3 above.

### Aptitude Testing

Applicants must have completed the Canadian Dental Association Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) or the American Dental Association DAT within the previous five years before the Faculty's application deadline. Information and application forms are available from the Student Development Library, the Dentistry Student Services Office, or may be downloaded from the Canadian Dental Association (http://www.cda-adc.ca/en/becoming/index.asp) or American Dental Association (http://www.ada.org). At the time of the test the student must request that the scores be sent to the Dentistry D.M.D. Admissions Office.

### Acceptance

Successful applicants must submit a deposit within two weeks of notification of acceptance by the University. This deposit is non-refundable and will be applied towards the clinic fees of the first term.

A health record which evidences immunizations (Tetanus/Diphtheria-Toxoid, Polio, MMR, Chickenpox, and Hepatitis B) and a negative TB skin test (if the test is positive, a chest x-ray is required) must be submitted to the Student Health Service. Immunizations are available from your family doctor, public health department, and from the Student Health Service. Being a carrier of any serious communicable disease may restrict students' educational opportunity to attain competency for graduation and subsequent practice as a dentist. Counselling is available to individuals who have, or are carriers of, communicable diseases.

A disability may result from practising dentistry. Exposure to infectious diseases such as HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, other infectious diseases, and the possibility of physical assault are all possible. Injury during training may preclude a student from continuing and from practising dentistry. While the Faculty of Dentistry makes efforts to minimize such risks, it does not provide any insurance to protect students from loss of future income. The Faculty recommends that students purchase disability insurance and
continue coverage during postgraduate training and practice.

Admission of Students with Advanced Standing

Please see D.M.D. website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/dmd/applying-to-the-dmd-program) for additional details.

International Dental Degree Completion Program (IDDCP)

The Faculty will consider applications to the D.M.D. degree completion program from graduates of international dental programs which are not accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada. This program will commence in Term 3 of second year (lasts four weeks and occurs in June each year) and will lead to the degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine. In addition to tuition fees, the costs of the program include clinic fees, course material costs, and student fees. Further information and online application forms are available from Dentistry (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/Education/IDDCP).

The Faculty of Dentistry receives applications from many more students than it can accept; therefore, compliance with the admission requirements does not guarantee admission.

The admission process will be in two phases.

Phase 1: Academic Credentials Evaluation

Applicants must:

1. submit original records (transcripts) of their entire post-secondary and university studies (if transcripts are in a language other than English, applicants must also submit a certified translation in English). The above documents must be received in sealed and endorsed official envelopes from source;
2. submit their original dental degree in sealed and endorsed official envelope from source;
3. demonstrate an acceptable working knowledge of English by achieving an overall score of at least 7.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (http://www.ielts.org) exam and at least 6.5 on each component;
4. submit proof of Permanent Resident status;
5. submit the required non-refundable application fee;
6. submit a letter of good standing from the licensing authority, or its equivalent, of the region in which the applicant last practiced;
7. undertake the National Examining Board of Canada Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge with a minimum score of 75. Information and application forms are available from the National Examining Board of Canada, 80 Elgin Street, 2nd Floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 6R2. The applicant must request that the scores of the examination be sent to the IDDCP Admissions Office in the Faculty of Dentistry.

Applicants will be evaluated on their educational credentials, work experience, letters of reference, letter of intent, results of the Eligibility Examination, and their proficiency in English in Phase 1. Applicants will be shortlisted for participation in Phase 2 of the admissions process. Due to space limitations, not all applicants will be invited to Phase 2.

Please see the D.M.D. website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/dmd/applying-to-the-dmd-program) for additional details.

Phase 2: Assessment and Interview

Applicants invited to Phase 2 must:

1. undertake an interview to demonstrate competence in verbal communication skills in English by reaching level 5 or better
on the Placement Interview Test Rating Scale of the English Language Institute at UBC, or its equivalent. English is the medium of instruction in Dentistry and communication skills are necessary to function effectively in the clinical setting. This requirement in English communication skills is in addition to the English Language Admissions Standard requirement of Phase 1;
2. undergo a psychomotor skills assessment on dental mannequins at UBC;
3. undertake a personal interview at UBC;
4. participate in a problem based learning (PBL) exercise; and
5. submit a non-refundable assessment fee.

Please see the D.M.D. website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/dmd/applying-to-the-dmd-program) for additional details.

Deposit

Successful applicants must submit a deposit within two weeks of notification of acceptance by the University. This deposit is non-refundable and will be applied towards the clinic fees of the first term of third year. See Acceptance; the information on immunizations and disability also apply to this program.

Registration and Orientation

Students register through the Student Service Centre (http://students.ubc.ca/ssc) (SSC). Candidates who have been accepted for admission to the Faculty of Dentistry will be notified by email concerning registration and orientation. Classes begin in August. No student will be admitted to any class after its first meeting, except by permission of the Dean.

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Doctor of Dental Medicine > Degree Requirements

First Year

DENT 410 (Dentistry I: Foundations of Clinical Dentistry)

Second Year

DENT 420 (Dentistry II: Basic Clinical Dentistry)

Third Year

DENT 430 (Dentistry III: Intermediate Clinical Dentistry).

Fourth Year

DENT 440 (Dentistry IV: Complex Clinical Dentistry)

Curriculum

The D.M.D. curriculum at UBC is an innovative inquiry-based curriculum incorporating hybrid problem-based learning (PBL), case-based and blended learning activities, and more traditional lectures and clinical experiences, with an emphasis on self-directed student learning and problem solving in small group settings. Lectures occupy a smaller amount of curriculum time
than traditional curricula. The knowledge, attitudes, and skills required of a UBC graduate entering general dental practice are outlined in the [UBC Faculty of Dentistry Competency Document](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/students).

Instruments and Supplies

Check with the Dentistry Student Services Office for information regarding costs for instruments and supplies.

**Doctor of Dental Medicine > Academic Advising**

The Faculty provides academic advising ([http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/students](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/students)) to students. A structured advisor program is in place along with additional support through the Dean's Office.

**Doctor of Dental Medicine > Academic Regulations**

**Advancement**

The Faculty will determine the student's fitness for promotion at the end of each session (see the [Faculty of Dentistry Academic Policies and Procedures Manual](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/students)). No student with deficient standing will be promoted.

A student whose academic standing is unsatisfactory may be required either to withdraw from the Faculty or to repeat the entire work of the year.

If the progress of a student has been unsatisfactory in any given session, the Faculty may permit a supplemental examination in the subject(s) failed provided an average of at least 60% in the work of the year, including the failed courses, has been attained. The Module Coordinator(s)/Course Director(s) concerned may direct such work as will be necessary to prepare for the supplemental examination. It is the responsibility of the student to consult with the Module Coordinator(s)/Course Director(s) concerned about such arrangements. A student who satisfies the requirements of the modules/courses concerned and passes each supplemental examination with a mark of at least 65% will be promoted. All supplemental examinations must be taken at the University.

A student in the first year who fails to be promoted will not normally be permitted to repeat the year except under special circumstances.

Although satisfactory academic performance is prerequisite to advancement, it is not the sole criterion in consideration of the suitability of a student for promotion or graduation. The Faculty reserves the right to require a student to withdraw from the Faculty if considered to be unsuited to proceed with the study, or enter the practice, of dentistry and dental hygiene.

**Attendance**

Regular attendance is expected of students in all their classes (including lectures, laboratories, tutorials, seminars and clinics). Students who neglect their academic work and assignments may be excluded from the final examinations. Students who are unavoidably absent because of illness or disability must report this to the Dean's Office through the Student Services Office and to their instructors as soon as is practicable.

Students who, because of illness, are absent from an end-of-term examination, must inform the Manager of Academic Progress and then submit a physician's certificate to the Associate Dean Academic Affairs as promptly as possible.
All unavoidable absences for reasons other than sickness must be reported and explained to the Dean's Office through the Student Services Office and to the instructor(s) concerned when the student returns to classes.

A student planning to be absent from classes for any reason must obtain prior permission from the Associate Dean Academic Affairs.

For a detailed description of the Faculty's Excused Absence Policy, see the Dentistry Academic Policies and Procedures Manual.

Examinations

Examinations in the Faculty of Dentistry may be held at various times throughout the year. These examinations are obligatory for all students.

Should students find that they will be unavoidably absent from a sessional examination, they, or someone familiar with the situation, must notify the Dean's Office through the Student Services Office of the facts in the case before the end of the period during which the examination is scheduled. Non-observance of this rule may result in a failing grade for the course.

When a sessional examination has been missed through illness or some other justifiable cause, application for deferred examination or special consideration must be made in writing to the Associate Dean Academic Affairs as soon as possible. If the absence was for reasons of health, a physician's certificate indicating the nature and duration of the illness must be submitted to the Dean's Office through the Student Services Office.

Students may be denied the privilege of writing a sessional examination in any subject because of unsatisfactory work or attendance, and in this case they will be considered to have failed in the course.

In any module/course which involves assessment of professionalism and/or clinical skills and/or knowledge, a student is required to achieve satisfactory standing in each part. If the module/course is repeated, no exemption will ordinarily be granted from the work in any part.

Term essays and examination papers may be refused a passing mark if they are illegible or noticeably deficient in English.

The passing mark in the Faculty of Dentistry is 60%. (See Grading Practices (Calendar page: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,42,96,0#217).)

All final module/course grades will be reviewed by the Dentistry Academic Progress Committee. Examination results may be posted at the discretion of the Module/Course Coordinator. Grades are not final until received by the Academic Progress Committee. Release of module/course grades will be done by the Dean's Office; final Course grades will be released by Enrolment Services. Final module/course grades will not be communicated through any other channel.

Graduation

A candidate for the Doctor of Dental Medicine or Bachelor of Dental Science (Dental Hygiene) must have fulfilled all the requirements for entrance to the Faculty of Dentistry and have attended the courses of instruction which comprise the dental curriculum. No one will be admitted to candidacy for the Doctor of Dental Medicine or Bachelor of Dental Science (Dental Hygiene) who has not been in attendance for at least two years in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of British Columbia.

Each candidate for graduation must have passed all examinations in subjects comprising the dental modules/courses or must have
received satisfactory standing in modules/courses where specific marks are not assigned.

The Faculty will recommend to Senate the granting of the Doctor of Dental Medicine or Bachelor of Dental Science (Dental Hygiene) to a student who has completed satisfactorily the academic requirements and who, in addition, is recommended by the Faculty to be a suitable person to practice dentistry or dental hygiene.

Every candidate for the Doctor of Dental Medicine or Bachelor of Dental Science (Dental Hygiene) must make formal application for graduation. Candidates planning to graduate in May must apply by the February deadline and candidates planning to graduate in November must apply by the August deadline. See the Academic Year. Special forms for this purpose are provided by Enrolment Services.

Dental Hygiene Degree Program

Dental Hygiene Degree Program > Introduction

The Dental Hygiene Program is designed to prepare dental hygiene graduates at the baccalaureate level to practice with sound knowledge of the related biological, clinical, and behavioural sciences. There is a strong emphasis on professionalism as well as the skills and abilities required to be a health professional in a variety of practice settings to serve the public throughout all life stages.

Dental Hygiene Degree Program > Admission

The Faculty of Dentistry offers a multiple admissions approach to the Dental Hygiene Degree Program. The admission options or entry points are:

1. **Entry-to-Practice Admission Option**
   The Entry-to-Practice admission option, open to secondary school graduates and applicants with post-secondary education, is the entry point to full-time, four-year studies at UBC that includes development of the knowledge, professionalism, and abilities required to earn the B.D.Sc. degree in Dental Hygiene.

2. **Dental Hygiene Degree Completion Admission Option**
   The Dental Hygiene Degree Completion admission option, open to dental hygienists who are graduates of accredited North American Dental Hygiene diploma programs, is the entry point to full or part-time studies leading to the B.D.Sc. degree in Dental Hygiene.

3. **International Dental Hygiene Degree Completion Admission Option**
   The International Dental Hygiene Degree Completion admission option, open to dental hygienists who are graduates of non-North American Dental Hygiene programs, is the entry point to full or part-time studies leading to the B.D.Sc. degree in Dental Hygiene.

The University will consider granting transfer credit for all transferable post-secondary courses completed. The Program, in accordance with University regulations about transfer credits, will determine the number of credits that can be applied to the dental hygiene degree.

**Note:** The possession of a Bachelor of Dental Science degree in Dental Hygiene does not automatically confer the right to practice dental hygiene in any province in Canada. Each province has a regulatory authority that grants the privilege to practice dental hygiene. For more information about the regulatory authority in British Columbia, contact the College of Dental Hygienists of BC (http://www.cdhbc.com).
Aboriginal Applicants

All applicants to UBC, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, are required to meet university general admission and program-specific admission requirements. The Faculty of Dentistry welcomes applications from qualified Aboriginal applicants. Please visit http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,14,0 for more information.

The Faculty of Dentistry welcomes applications from qualified Aboriginal applicants. Please visit youbc Vancouver (http://you.ubc.ca/) for more information.

UBC welcomes applications from qualified international applicants. All applicants must satisfy the UBC English language requirements (http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/requirements/english-language-competency). ELI verbal communication test results are required.

Admission

1. Entry-to-Practice Admission Option

Admission to the Dental Hygiene Degree Program via the Entry-to-Practice admission option is based upon:

- academic performance (overall GPA)
- Personal Profile
- mandatory in-person interview

Among the factors considered in the application review are demonstrated leadership skills, critical thinking, problem solving, ethics, substantial volunteerism, active participation in extracurricular activities, and knowledge of the dental hygiene profession.

The admission process will consist of two phases:

Phase I

Applicants will be selected for an interview on the basis of academic performance (overall GPA) and the Personal Profile. Applicants not selected for an interview will not be admitted.

Phase II

Applicants selected for an interview will be considered for admission based only on their interview score. Academic performance (overall GPA) and the Personal Profile will not be considered in making offers during Phase II of admission to the program. For information on the format of the interview, please consult the program website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/dental-hygiene-degree-program).

Successful applicants to the Dental Hygiene Degree Program via the Entry-to-Practice admission option will complete a full-time four-year program that includes didactic and clinical instruction. Upon successful completion of the degree, a student will be eligible to register to practice as a dental hygienist. Students admitted via this admission option will complete their studies at the UBC Vancouver Campus through on-campus, distributed learning, and community outreach instructional delivery. See Entry-to-Practice program courses (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/dental-hygiene-degree-program/dental-hygiene-entry-to-practice/admission) for details.
See the Faculty’s website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/dental-hygiene-degree-program) for the required prerequisite courses and pre-entry information for the Entry-to-Practice admission option.

See Admissions (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,0,0,0) for information on application procedures and UBC admission policies. All applicants must complete the Dental Hygiene Degree Program online personal statement application (http://secure.dentistry.ubc.ca/application/instructions.asp).

The required non-refundable application fee and all supporting documents must be submitted to the Manager, Admissions, Faculty of Dentistry by specified deadlines. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

All inquiries relating to admission should be addressed to the Dentistry Admissions Office (fodadms@interchange.ubc.ca).

**Degree Completion Option**

2. Dental Hygiene Degree Completion (category 1 or 2) Admission Option (for dental hygiene diploma graduates)

Admission to the Dental Hygiene Degree Completion admission option is based upon:

- academic performance (overall GPA)
- personal statement

An Admissions interview is mandatory. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.

Applicants must meet the Admissions (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,0,0,0) requirements of the University (see you.ubc.ca/vancouver (http://you.ubc.ca/vancouver)).

There are two categories of students in the Degree Completion option: Category 1 and Category 2, which are detailed in bullets 3.1 and 3.2 respectively. Visit Dentistry(http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/) to determine eligibility for the appropriate admission category. Students in either category may undertake studies on a full or part-time basis. Part-time students will have up to five years to complete the program.

2.1 Category 1 - Students who have completed 30 credits of university transfer prerequisites.

Graduates of dental hygiene diploma programs accredited by the Commission of Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) or the Commission of Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association (ADA) with a minimum overall average of 70% are eligible for admission to the fourth year of the Program. Current registration, in good standing, with a regulatory authority where the applicant has practiced most recently and a Canadian National Dental Hygiene Certification Board Examination Certificate or the American National Board Certificate are required. If an applicant is a recent graduate of a dental hygiene diploma program seeking to enter the Dental Hygiene Degree Program directly and has not yet practiced, then a recommendation letter from the director of the dental hygiene diploma program is required.

Applicants seeking to enter Category 1 must have completed 30 credits of university transfer courses including:

- 6 credits of first-year biology (anatomy and physiology)
- 6 credits of first-year chemistry
- 6 credits of first-year English
- 6 credits of first- or second-year psychology
- 6 credits of electives (3 credits of statistics preferred)
See Admissions (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,0,0,0) for information on application procedures and UBC admission policies. All applicants must complete the Dental Hygiene Degree Program online personal statement application (http://secure.dentistry.ubc.ca/application/instructions.asp).

The required non-refundable application fee and all supporting documents must be submitted to the Manager, Admissions, Faculty of Dentistry. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

All inquiries relating to admission should be addressed to the Dentistry Admissions (fodadms@interchange.ubc.ca) Office.

Further information about the program coursework can be found in the UBC Calendar and Faculty website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/dental-hygiene-degree-completion-category-1/general-info/).

2.2 Category 2 - The Faculty is not accepting applications for the 2018 academic year. Applications will reopen to the Degree Completion Category 2 option for entry to the 2019 winter session.

The Faculty of Dentistry is not accepting applications to the Degree Completion Admission Option-Category 2 at this time.

Graduates of dental hygiene diploma programs accredited by the Commission of Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) or the Commission of Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association (ADA) with a minimum overall average of 70% are eligible for admission to third year of the Program. Current registration, in good standing, with a regulatory authority where the applicant has practiced most Graduates of dental hygiene diploma programs recently, and a Canadian National Dental Hygiene Certification Board Examination Certificate or the American National Board Certificate are required. If an applicant is a recent graduate of a dental hygiene diploma seeking to enter the Dental Hygiene Program directly and has not yet practiced, then a recommendation letter from the director of the dental hygiene diploma program is required.

Applicants NOT completing the 30 credits of university transfer courses including 6 credits of first-year biology (anatomy and physiology), 6 credits of first-year chemistry, 6 credits of first-year English, 6 credits of first or second-year psychology, and 6 credits of electives are eligible to apply under Category 2.

See Admissions (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,0,0,0) for information on application procedures and UBC admission policies. All applicants must complete the Dental Hygiene Degree Program online personal statement application (http://secure.dentistry.ubc.ca/application/instructions.asp).

The required non-refundable application fee and all supporting documents must be submitted to the Manager, Admissions, Faculty of Dentistry. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

All inquiries relating to admission should be addressed to the Dentistry Admissions (fodadms@interchange.ubc.ca) Office.

Further information about the program coursework can be found in the UBC Calendar and Faculty website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/dental-hygiene-degree-completion-category-2/general-info/).

3. International Dental Hygiene Degree Completion Admission Option

Admission to the International Dental Hygiene Degree Completion admission option is based upon:

- academic performance (overall GPA)
- Personal Profile
• ELI score of 5 or above or its equivalent
• IELTS scores of at least 6.5 and at least 6 on each component of the exam
• supporting certification documents

An Admissions interview is mandatory. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.

Graduates of dental hygiene diploma programs that are not accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) but who hold the Canadian National Dental Hygiene Certification Board Examination Certificate may be admitted to the third year of the Program. No specific courses at the secondary school level are mandatory. Applicants are required to have, or be eligible to have, current registration, in good standing, with a regulatory authority where the applicant has practiced most recently. If the applicant has not practiced, then a letter of support from an instructor from their dental hygiene program is required.

See Admissions (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,0,0,0) for information on application procedures and UBC admission policies. All applicants must complete the Dental Hygiene Degree Program online personal statement application (http://secure.dentistry.ubc.ca/application/instructions.asp).

The required non-refundable application fee and all supporting documents must be submitted to the Manager, Admissions, Faculty of Dentistry. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

All inquiries relating to admission should be addressed to the Dentistry Admissions (fodadms@interchange.ubc.ca) Office.

Note: Registration to practice in BC is not required for admission to the Program. However, international applicants who wish to practice dental hygiene in British Columbia must satisfy the requirements of the College of Dental Hygienists of BC (CDHBC), the provincial dental hygiene regulatory authority. For information, refer to College of Dental Hygienists of BC(http://www.cdhbc.com/).

Further information about the program coursework can be found in the UBC Calendar and Faculty website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/dental-hygiene-degree-completion-international/general-info/).

Acceptance

1. Entry-to-Practice Applicants

The Dental Hygiene Degree Program has limited enrolment. Since the number of qualified applicants typically exceeds the number of places available, fulfillment of the minimum requirements is not a guarantee of admission. The Faculty reserves the right of selection of all students for admission to the Program.

Successful applicants must submit a deposit by the date specified in the letter of offer from the Faculty of Dentistry. This deposit is non-refundable and will be applied toward the tuition fees for the first term.

A health record that evidences immunizations (tetanus/diphtheria-toxoid, polio, MMR, chickenpox, and hepatitis B) and a negative TB skin test (if the test is positive, a chest x-ray is required) must be submitted to the UBC Student Health Service. Immunizations are available from your family doctor, community health department, and from the UBC Student Health Service. Being a carrier of any one of the conditions may restrict students' educational opportunity to fulfill requirements for graduation and subsequent practice as a dental hygienist. Counselling is available to individuals who have, or are carriers, of communicable diseases. Applicants should be aware that dental hygiene practice might be very difficult for people with back problems or latex allergies.

Disability may result from practising dental hygiene. Included are exposure to infectious diseases such as HIV, Hepatitis, musculo-skeletal injuries, and the possibility of physical assault. Injury during the Program may preclude a student from continuing...
and from practising dental hygiene. While the Faculty of Dentistry makes efforts to minimize such risks it does not provide any insurance to protect students from loss of future income. The Faculty recommends that students purchase disability insurance and continue coverage throughout the Program.

For more detailed information please view the website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/dental-hygiene-degree-program).

2. Degree Completion Applicants

Applicants who meet minimum admission requirements are not guaranteed acceptance. Enrolment is limited. Successful applicants must submit a deposit by the date specified in the letter of offer from the Faculty of Dentistry. This deposit is non-refundable and will be applied towards tuition fees for the first term. If an applicant does not register for the term specified in the offer letter, the acceptance and the deposit will be forfeited.

3. International Degree Completion Applicants

Applicants who meet minimum admission requirements are not guaranteed acceptance. Enrolment is limited. Successful applicants must submit a deposit by the date specified in the letter of offer from the Faculty of Dentistry. This deposit is non-refundable and will be applied towards tuition fees. If an applicant does not register at UBC for the term specified in the offer letter, the acceptance and the deposit will be forfeited.

Readmission

The Faculty of Dentistry reserves the right to readmit students and to stipulate conditions attached to readmission. Readmission to the Program may necessitate repetition of courses previously completed if, in the judgment of the Faculty, curriculum changes, and/or length of interruption are sufficient to render the applicant inadequately prepared to continue studies.

Program Inquiries

All inquiries relating to the Dental Hygiene Degree Program should be addressed to:

Student Services Office
Faculty of Dentistry
The University of British Columbia
278-2199 Wesbrook Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3
Tel: 604.822.9726
Fax: 604.822.8279
Email: dhygadm@dentistry.ubc.ca (Faculty of Dentistry Admissions)

Dental Hygiene Degree Program > Degree Requirements

1. Entry-to-Practice Option

Successful applicants to the Dental Hygiene Degree Program via the Entry-to-Practice Option will complete a full-time four-year program that includes didactic and clinical instruction. The Faculty expects that students will register in a full course load to complete the degree in four years. Upon successful completion of the degree, a student will be eligible to apply to register to practice as a dental hygienist. Students admitted via this option will complete their studies at the UBC Vancouver Campus through on-campus, distributed learning, and community outreach instructional delivery.
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Electives^1 6
Total Credits 37

^1 Of the 6 elective credits required in the program, all must be chosen from offerings within or approved by the Faculty. Elective credits must be taken in Year 4 Winter session or in the Summer session between Year 3 and Year 4. Courses taken prior to entry to the program will not be credited toward elective requirements.

2. Dental Hygiene Degree Completion (Category 1 or 2) Option (for Dental Hygiene Diploma Graduates)

Category 1 - Students who have completed 30 credits of university transfer prerequisites

Students must complete the following courses to be eligible to apply for graduation. Coursework includes core and elective courses:

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^1 Electives must be UBC courses (transfer credit is not permitted). All elective courses must be chosen from offerings within, or approved by, the Faculty.

Category 2 - Students who have NOT completed 30 credits of university transfer prerequisites

Students must complete the following courses to be eligible to apply for graduation. Coursework includes core and elective courses:

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^1 If DHYG 401 (5) not taken.

^2 Electives may be taken in areas of interest such as health promotion, residential care, geriatrics, community health, adult education, health care ethics, interprofessional education, behavioural sciences, economics, etc. Some core courses and electives may be taken on campus or through distance education at UBC, BC Open University, or other recognized universities. Permission of the Program Director is required for all non-UBC courses.
3. International Degree Completion

Students must complete the following courses to be eligible to apply for graduation. Coursework includes core and elective courses:

DHYG 400 Policy Analysis and Change 6
DHYG 401 Oral Epidemiology 6
DHYG 402 Dental Hygiene Practice I 6
DHYG 405 Oral Microbiology & Immunology 3
DHYG 412 Oral Health Care Trends and Topics 6
DHYG 433 Assessment and Treatment Planning for Advanced Periodontal Diseases 3
DHYG 435 Oral Medicine & Pathology 3
DHYG 461 Literature Review I 4
DHYG 462 Literature Review II 4
ENGL 301 Technical & Business Writing 3
PHIL 333 Biomedical Ethics 3
Electives 1 15
Total Credits 62

1 Electives must be UBC courses (transfer credit is not permitted). All elective courses must be chosen from offerings within, or approved by, the Faculty.

The Faculty will recommend to Senate the granting of the Bachelor of Dental Science (Degree in Dental Hygiene) to students who have satisfactorily completed the academic requirements.

Dental Hygiene Degree Program > Academic Advising

The Faculty provides academic advising to students through Student Services. As structured advisor program is in place along with additional support through the DHDP and the Dean's Office.

Dental Hygiene Degree Program > Academic Regulations

Advancement

The Faculty will determine the student's fitness for promotion at the end of each session (see the Faculty of Dentistry Academic Policies and Procedures Manual). No student with deficient standing will be promoted.

A student whose academic standing is unsatisfactory may be required either to withdraw from the Faculty or to repeat the entire work of the year.
If the progress of a student has been unsatisfactory in any given session, the Faculty may permit a supplemental examination in the subject(s) failed provided an average of at least 60% in the work of the year, including the failed courses, has been attained. The Module Coordinator(s)/Course Director(s) concerned may direct such work as will be necessary to prepare for the supplemental examination. It is the responsibility of the student to consult with the Module Coordinator(s)/Course Director(s) concerned about such arrangements. A student who satisfies the requirements of the modules/courses concerned and passes each supplemental examination with a mark of at least 65% will be promoted. All supplemental examinations must be taken at the University.

A student in the first year who fails to be promoted will not normally be permitted to repeat the year except under special circumstances.

Although satisfactory academic performance is prerequisite to advancement, it is not the sole criterion in consideration of the suitability of a student for promotion or graduation. The Faculty reserves the right to require a student to withdraw from the Faculty if considered to be unsuited to proceed with the study, or enter the practice, of dentistry and dental hygiene.

**Attendance**

Regular attendance is expected of students in all their classes (including lectures, laboratories, tutorials, seminars and clinics). Students who neglect their academic work and assignments may be excluded from the final examinations. Students who are unavoidably absent because of illness or disability must report this to the Dean's Office through the Student Services Office and to their instructors as soon as is practicable.

Students who, because of illness, are absent from an end-of-term examination, must inform the Manager of Academic Progress and then submit a physician's certificate to the Associate Dean Academic Affairs as promptly as possible.

All unavoidable absences for reasons other than sickness must be reported and explained to the Dean's Office through the Student Services Office and to the instructor(s) concerned when the student returns to classes.

A student planning to be absent from classes for any reason must obtain prior permission from the Associate Dean Academic Affairs.

For a detailed description of the Faculty's Excused Absence Policy, see the Dentistry Academic Policies and Procedures Manual.

**Examinations**

Examinations in the Faculty of Dentistry may be held at various times throughout the year. These examinations are obligatory for all students.

Should students find that they will be unavoidably absent from a sessional examination, they, or someone familiar with the situation, must notify the Dean's Office through the Student Services Office of the facts in the case before the end of the period during which the examination is scheduled. Non-observance of this rule may result in a failing grade for the course.

When a sessional examination has been missed through illness or some other justifiable cause, application for deferred examination or special consideration must be made in writing to the Associate Dean Academic Affairs as soon as possible. If the absence was for reasons of health, a physician's certificate indicating the nature and duration of the illness must be submitted to the Dean's Office through the Student Services Office.

Students may be denied the privilege of writing a sessional examination in any subject because of unsatisfactory work or attendance, and in this case they will be considered to have failed in the course.
In any module/course which involves assessment of professionalism and/or clinical skills and/or knowledge, a student is required to achieve satisfactory standing in each part. If the module/course is repeated, no exemption will ordinarily be granted from the work in any part.

Term essays and examination papers may be refused a passing mark if they are illegible or noticeably deficient in English.

The passing mark in the Faculty of Dentistry is 60%. (See Grading Practices (Calendar page: [http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,42,96,0#217](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,42,96,0#217)).)

All final module/course grades will be reviewed by the Dentistry Academic Progress Committee. Examination results may be posted at the discretion of the Module/Course Coordinator. Grades are not final until received by the Academic Progress Committee. Release of module/course grades will be done by the Dean's Office; final Course grades will be released by Enrolment Services. Final module/course grades will not be communicated through any other channel.

**Graduation**

A candidate for the Doctor of Dental Medicine or Bachelor of Dental Science (Dental Hygiene) must have fulfilled all the requirements for entrance to the Faculty of Dentistry and have attended the courses of instruction which comprise the dental curriculum. No one will be admitted to candidacy for the Doctor of Dental Medicine or Bachelor of Dental Science (Dental Hygiene) who has not been in attendance for at least two years in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of British Columbia.

Each candidate for graduation must have passed all examinations in subjects comprising the dental modules/courses or must have received satisfactory standing in modules/courses where specific marks are not assigned.

The Faculty will recommend to Senate the granting of the Doctor of Dental Medicine or Bachelor of Dental Science (Dental Hygiene) to a student who has completed satisfactorily the academic requirements and who, in addition, is recommended by the Faculty to be a suitable person to practice dentistry or dental hygiene.

Every candidate for the Doctor of Dental Medicine or Bachelor of Dental Science (Dental Hygiene) must make formal application for graduation. Candidates planning to graduate in May must apply by the February deadline and candidates planning to graduate in November must apply by the August deadline. See the Academic Year. Special forms for this purpose are provided by Enrolment Services.

**Graduate and Post-Graduate Programs**

**Doctor of Philosophy**

The Faculty of Dentistry offers advanced study leading to the Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science through one of the following areas of study:

- Research in Population Health will explore the complex interactions (social, cultural, environmental) that affect the oral health of individuals, communities, and populations.
- Oral health-related clinical research includes both interventional and observational studies focusing on the following: disease prevention, diagnosis, risk, treatment, prognosis, and health care.
- Basic science research in the areas of biomaterials, cell biology, developmental biology, microbiology, and molecular biology is available.
Applicants must meet minimum admission requirements of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Fluency in English is required. The minimum TOEFL score requirement for graduates from a country where English is not the primary language is 580 (paper-based) and 93 (internet-based).

Students will normally take DENT 540 (Research Methods) during their first year.

In addition, students will be required to pass a comprehensive examination. The program will be open to those who have completed a D.D.S., D.M.D., M.D., D.V.M., or their equivalents, or an M.Sc.

For further information and details on admissions, please see the Ph.D. (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,204,828,1145)

Master of Science

The Faculty of Dentistry offers advanced study leading to the M.Sc. in Craniofacial Science through one of the following areas of study:

- Research in Population Health will explore the complex interactions (social, cultural, environmental) that affect the oral health of individuals, communities, and populations.
- Oral health-related clinical research includes both interventional and observational studies focusing on the following: disease prevention, diagnosis, risk, treatment, prognosis, and health care.
- Basic science research in the areas of biomaterials, cell biology, developmental biology, microbiology, and molecular biology is available.

Applicants must meet minimum admission requirements of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Fluency in English is required. The minimum TOEFL score requirement for graduates from a country where English is not the primary language is 580 (paper-based) and 93 (internet-based).

Completion of the M.Sc. program requires a minimum of 12 credits of coursework in addition to the 18-credit thesis course (DENT 599). A minimum of 9 credits must be at the 500-699 level, and a maximum of 3 credits can be at the 300- or 400-level. Students will normally take DENT 540 (Research Methods) and DENT 542 (Oral Cell Biology & Biochemistry). The program will usually require two full academic years; however, an extended program of part-time M.Sc. studies is available.

For further information and details on admissions, please see the Master of Science (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/education/grad).

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Combined Master of Public Health/Diploma in Dental Public Health

For information on the program, visit Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health.

Combined Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science/Diploma in Endodontics
This combined program option is a clinical specialty program that is offered in conjunction with a Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science. The program provides education and training for potential clinicians, research workers, and teachers. Completion of the Diploma in Endodontics requires completion of the clinical and didactic requirements associated with the diploma program in the Faculty of Dentistry, and successful completion of the Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science course requirements, and successful defense and submission of their dissertation to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. In this program option, the degree and the diploma are awarded conjointly and both must be completed to graduate. The combined program will require a minimum of six years to prepare the student for clinical practice and a teaching/research career. Graduates will be eligible to take the examination for specialty certification in endodontics offered by The Royal College of Dentists of Canada and The American Board of Endodontics.

Applicants to the program must satisfy the requirements for admission to the Faculties of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Dentistry. Applicants must hold a Doctor of Dental Surgery or Dental Medicine or equivalent from a recognized university. Applicants for the Ph.D. degree must hold a D.D.S., D.M.D., M.D., or D.V.M., or equivalent, or an M.Sc. in dental science or a related discipline. Students entering directly with a D.D.S., D.M.D., or international equivalent without a Master's degree must, during the first year of study, complete 12 credits with a first-class average of which at least nine credits must be at the 500-level or above and at least nine credits must be no less than A- (at UBC, 80%), to maintain registration as a doctoral student. The TOEFL score requirement for graduate from a country where English is not the primary language is 580 (paper-based) or 93 (internet-based). Please see website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/grad/) for program deadline dates.

**Combined M.Sc. in Craniofacial Science/Diploma in Endodontics**

This program is a clinical specialty program that allows students to complete the M.Sc. in Craniofacial Science combined with clinical specialty preparation through the Diploma in Endodontics. The program provides education and training for potential clinicians, research workers, and teachers. Completion of the Diploma in Endodontics requires successful completion of the clinical and didactic requirements associated with the diploma program in the Faculty of Dentistry, successful completion of the M.Sc. in Craniofacial Science course requirements, and successful defense and submission of an 18-credit research thesis to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

In this program option, the degree and diploma are awarded conjointly and both must be completed to graduate. Graduates will be eligible to take the examinations for specialty certification in endodontics of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and the American Board of Endodontics. The normal course of study is three full academic years.

Fluency in English is required. The minimum TOEFL score requirement for graduates from a country where English is not the primary language is 580 (paper-based) or 93 (internet-based). Applicants must hold a Doctor of Dentistry or its equivalent from a recognized university.

Admission is subject to the evidence for successful study in this discipline and must satisfy the requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. Please see website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/grad/) for program deadline dates.

**Combined Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science/Diploma in Orthodontics**

This combined program option is a clinical specialty program offered in conjunction with a Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science. The program provides education and training for potential clinicians, researchers, and teachers. Completion of the diploma in orthodontics requires completion of the clinical and didactic requirements associated with the diploma program in the Faculty of Dentistry, successful completion of the Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science course requirements, and successful defense and submission of their thesis to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. In this program option, the degree and the diploma are awarded conjointly and both must be completed to graduate. The combined program will require a minimum of 6 years to prepare the student for clinical practice and a research career. Graduates will be eligible to take the examination for specialty certification in orthodontics offered by The Royal College of Dentists of Canada and The American Board of Orthodontics.

Applicants to the program must satisfy the requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Dentistry. Applicants must hold a Doctor of Dental Surgery or Dental Medicine or equivalent from a recognized university. Students
entering directly without a Master's degree must, during the first year of study, complete 12 credits with a first class average of which at least 9 credits must be at the 500-level or above and at least 9 credits must be no less than 'A-' (at UBC, 80%), to maintain registration as a doctoral student. The minimum TOEFL Score requirement for graduates from a country where English is not the primary language is 580 (paper-based) or 93 (internet-based). Please see website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/grad/) for program deadline dates.

Combined M.Sc. in Craniofacial Science/Diploma in Orthodontics

This combined program is a clinical specialty program. The program provides education and training for potential clinicians, research workers, and teachers. Completion of the diploma in orthodontics requires successful completion of the clinical and didactic requirements associated with the diploma program in the Faculty of Dentistry, and successful completion of the M.Sc. in Craniofacial Science course requirements, and successful defense and submission of their thesis to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. In this program option, the degree and the diploma are awarded conjointly and both must be completed to graduate. Graduates will be eligible to take the examinations for specialty certification in orthodontics of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and the American Board of Orthodontics. Normal course of study is three full academic years.

Applicants to the program must satisfy the requirements for admission to the Faculties of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Dentistry. Applicants must hold a Doctor of Dental Surgery or Dental Medicine or its equivalent from a recognized university and fluency in English is required. The minimum TOEFL Score requirement for graduates from a country where English is not the primary language is 580 (paper-based) or 93 (internet-based). Please see website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/grad/) for program deadline dates.

Combined Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science/Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry

This combined program option is a clinical specialty program that is offered in conjunction with a Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science. The program provides education and training for potential clinicians, researchers, and teachers. Completion of the diploma in pediatric dentistry requires completion of the clinical and didactic requirements associated with the diploma program in the Faculty of Dentistry, and successful completion of the Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science course requirements, and successful defense and submission of their thesis to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. In this program option, the degree and the diploma are awarded conjointly and both must be completed to graduate. The combined program will require a minimum of 6 years to prepare the student for clinical practice and a research career. Graduates will be eligible to take the examination for specialty certification in pediatric dentistry offered by The Royal College of Dentists of Canada and The American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Applicants to the program must satisfy the requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Dentistry. Applicants must hold a Doctor of Dental Surgery or Dental Medicine or equivalent from a recognized university. Students entering directly without a Master's degree must, during the first year of study, complete 12 credits with a first class average of which at least 9 credits must be at the 500-level or above and at least 9 credits must be no less than 'A-' (at UBC, 80%), to maintain registration as a doctoral student. The minimum TOEFL Score requirement for graduates from a country where English is not the primary language is 580 (paper-based) or 93 (internet-based). Please see website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/grad/) for program deadline dates.

Combined M.Sc. in Craniofacial Science/Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry

This combined program is a clinical specialty program. The program provides education and training for potential clinicians, research workers, and teachers. Completion of the diploma in pediatric dentistry requires successful completion of the clinical and didactic requirements associated with the diploma program in the Faculty of Dentistry, and successful completion of the M.Sc. in Craniofacial Science course requirements, and successful defense and submission of their thesis to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. In this program option, the degree and the diploma are awarded conjointly and both must be completed to graduate. Graduates will be eligible to take the examinations for specialty certification in pediatric dentistry of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Normal course of study is three full academic years.
Applicants to the program must satisfy the requirements for admission to the Faculties of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Dentistry. Applicants must hold a Doctor of Dental Surgery or Dental Medicine or its equivalent from a recognized university and fluency in English is required. The minimum TOEFL Score requirement for graduates from a country where English is not the primary language is 580 (paper-based) or 93 (internet-based). Please see website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/grad/) for program deadline dates.

Combined Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science/Diploma in Periodontics

This combined program option is a clinical specialty program that is offered in conjunction with a Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science. The program provides education and training for potential clinicians, researchers, and teachers. Completion of the Diploma in Periodontics requires completion of the clinical and didactic requirements associated with the diploma program in the Faculty of Dentistry, and successful completion of the Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science course requirements, and successful defense and submission of their dissertation to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. In this program option, the degree and the diploma are awarded conjointly and both must be completed to graduate. The combined program will require a minimum of six years to prepare the student for clinical practice and a teaching/research career. Graduates will be eligible to take the examination for specialty certification in prosthodontics offered by The Royal College of Dentists of Canada and the American Board of Periodontics.

Applicants to the program must satisfy the requirements for admission to the Faculties of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Dentistry. Applicants must hold a Doctor of Dental Surgery or Dental Medicine or equivalent from a recognized university. All applicants must meet Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies minimum academic standards for admission. Applicants for the Ph.D. degree must hold a D.D.S., D.M.D., M.D., or D.V.M., or equivalent, or an M.Sc. in Dental Science or a related discipline. The TOEFL score requirement for graduate from a country where English is not the primary language is 580 (paper-based) or 93 (internet-based). Please see website (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/grad/) for program deadline dates.

Note: Students entering directly with a D.D.S., D.M.D., or international equivalent without a Master’s degree must, during the first year of study, complete 12 credits with a first-class average of which at least 9 credits must be at the 500-level or above and at least 9 credits must be no less than A- (at UBC, 80%), to maintain registration as a doctoral student.

Combined M.Sc. in Craniofacial Science/Diploma in Periodontics

This combined program is a clinical specialty program. The program provides education and training for potential clinicians, research workers, and teachers. Completion of the diploma in periodontics requires successful completion of the clinical and didactic requirements associated with the diploma program in the Faculty of Dentistry, successful completion of the M.Sc. in Craniofacial Science course requirements, and successful defense and submission of the thesis to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. In this program option, the degree and diploma are awarded conjointly and both must be completed to graduate.

Graduates will be eligible to take the examinations for specialty certification in periodontics of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and the American Board of Periodontology. The normal course of study is three full academic years.

Admission to the program must satisfy the requirements for admission to the Faculties of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Dentistry. Applicants must hold a Doctor of Dentistry or its equivalent from a recognized university. Fluency in English is required. The minimum TOEFL score requirement for graduates from a country where English is not the primary language is 580 (paper-based) or 93 (internet-based).

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Combined Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science/Diploma in Prosthodontics

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Prosthodontics requires completion of the clinical and didactic requirements associated with the diploma program in the Faculty of Dentistry, and successful completion of the Ph.D. in Craniofacial Science course requirements, and successful defense and submission of a thesis to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. In this program option, the degree and the diploma are awarded conjointly and both must be completed to graduate. The combined program will require a minimum of six years to prepare the student for clinical practice and a research career. Graduates will be eligible to take the examination for specialty certification in prosthodontics offered by The Royal College of Dentists of Canada and The American Board of Prosthodontics.

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**Certificate in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology**

The Faculty of Dentistry offers a Certificate in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology. The program consists of a three to four-year hospital-based residency in one of three pathways: Oral Medicine; Oral Pathology, or both the specialties. All programs lead to a certificate and eligibility to take the Royal College of Dentists (Canada) Fellowship examinations. Residents wishing to have dual certification in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology will require four years of training.

Applicants must have a dental degree from a recognized dental school. Admission requirements include at least five years of prior, full-time education in English in Canada (or the equivalent in another country). Alternatively, a score of at least 600 (paper-based) or 250 (computer-based) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required.

**General Practice Residency Training Program**

The Faculty of Dentistry and the departments of Dentistry of the Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre (12th and Oak site and UBC site), the BC Cancer Agency and British Columbia's Children's Hospital, offer a one-year General Practice Residency training program commencing each June. The residents selected must be registered as students of the Faculty of Dentistry and with the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia for which separate fees are paid.
Admission

Graduates of any accredited North American dental school are eligible for admission. All candidates must satisfy the requirements for registration of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC. Graduates of foreign dental schools must possess a current and valid certificate from the National Dental Examining Board of Canada.

Application

Application forms and descriptive literature on the program may be obtained from Dentistry (http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca). Inquiries may also be made of the heads of dental departments at individual teaching hospitals. There is an application fee of CAD$150.00 which must accompany the completed application. The completed application must be submitted before October 15 for entry to the program the following year.

Professional Associations

The possession of a Doctor of Dental Medicine does not automatically confer the right to practise dentistry in any province in Canada. Each province has a licensing body which grants a licence to practice dentistry within its own borders. Inquiries concerning registration and licensing should be directed to the:

Registrar
College of Dental Surgeons of BC
1765 West 8th Avenue
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Or to their counterparts in other provinces.

The possession of a Bachelor of Dental Science (Dental Hygiene) degree does not automatically confer the right to practise dental hygiene in any province in Canada. Each province has a licensing body which grants a licence to practice dental hygiene within its own borders. Inquiries concerning registration and licensing should be directed to the:

Registrar
College of Dental Hygienists of BC
388 Harbour Rd Suite 300
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Or to their counterparts in other provinces.

For clarification of their ability to obtain a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in British Columbia, persons convicted of a criminal offense, including a conviction for an offense which resulted in a conditional or absolute discharge, who are considering a career in dentistry, should write to the Registrar of the respective College before beginning their studies. Most provinces will accept for registration the certificate issued by the National Dental or Dental Hygiene Examining Board of Canada, for which there is a fee.

Visit the National Dental Examining Board (http://www.ndeb.ca) for information on NDEB certificates or www.ndhcb.ca (http://www.ndhcb.ca) for the NDHCB.
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