3 Undergraduate Education

The four-year Bachelor of Dental Surgery (B.D.S) Programme is a rigorous programme with comprehensive didactic and clinical components. Graduates are eligible for immediate registration with the Singapore Dental Council upon graduation.

The Faculty of Dentistry adopts an integrated multi-disciplinary student-centred approach in its teaching. The B.D.S programme comprises pre-clinical training in the first two years to prepare the undergraduates for clinical training in the next two years. During the pre-clinical years, undergraduates receive extensive hands-on simulation training and gain knowledge of basic life sciences to prepare them for the clinical management of patients. In the clinical years, undergraduates manage the oral health needs of their patients, under close staff supervision. In the final year, undergraduates attend the “General Practice Management” (GPM) course which prepares them for the demands of clinical practice upon graduation. The final-year undergraduates also visit private dental practices to better understand their role as dental surgeons upon graduation. Problem-based learning was introduced to equip the graduate with process skills necessary for independent, life-long learning. In addition, every student will participate in a compulsory continuing education programme and a research module.

The competency-based curriculum was implemented in 1997. This curriculum focuses on what is important and necessary for the practice of general dentistry.

The objectives of the undergraduate dental education are to produce graduates with:

1. A thorough understanding of the biological and physical sciences to enable the integration and correlation of these basic sciences with clinical practice
2. Competence in diagnosing of oral and dental diseases, including an understanding of the relationship between general and oral diseases
3. The skills to perform the preventive and treatment services commonly required in general practice; and
4. Motivation towards continuing education and a sense of professional, ethical and social responsibility.

3.1 Degree Offered

3.2 Degree Requirements

3.3 Special Programmes

3.4 Financial Assistance and Awards