

# **Doctor in Prosthodontics**

## **Course description**

- 1) This is a 3-year programme designed for dental graduates who wish to pursue specialist training in Prosthodontics. The course aims to produce specialists in the field of Prosthodontics who are clinically competent with the ability to function as members of the health care delivery system while adhering to the professional ethics and able to conduct research independently.
  
- 2) There is a variety of academic activities to attain the learning outcomes and to ensure that candidates take responsibility for their learning. These include the following:
  - a) **The programme promotes critical enquiry through student-centred seminars, assignments, clinical case studies, presentations and managing research projects.**
  
  - b) **The programme develops problem-solving, decision-making and clinical skills through laboratory simulation, clinical practice and clinical attachments at recognised centres and from various activities related to research and/or clinical audits.**
  
  - c) **The programme develops analytical thinking skills through critically appraising of the relevant literature for research and student-centred seminars.**
  
  - d) **The programme encourages students to take active responsibility for their learning through student-centred seminars, assignments, clinical case studies, presentations and managing research work for research preparation and publication to ISI-indexed journal.**
  
  - e) **The programme prepares them for lifelong learning through regular participation in journal club activities and organising and participating in scientific conferences, seminars and workshops.**

- 3) The programme includes modules covering all aspects of prosthodontics, namely fixed prosthodontics, removable prosthodontics, implantology, maxillofacial prosthodontics and related subjects.
- 4) The programme structure was designed to encourage integrated and multi-disciplinary approaches through a variety of activities, which will enhance the personal and professional development of the candidate. In addition to the courses within the department, students will be required to participate in the following activities:
  - a) **Local courses and Conferences such as University of Malaya Certificate of Implantology Course and Suction Effective Mandibular Complete Dentures course.**
  - b) **Combined clinics involving other disciplines such as Paediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics, Oral Maxillofacial Surgery and Periodontology.**
  - c) **Final year attachments at local hospitals and oversea teaching centres (currently we have MOA with University of Otago, New Zealand, Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU), University of Kagoshima and University of Okayama, Japan).**
- 5) In addition, the curriculum is adapted to prepare candidates for the Specialty Membership Examinations in Prosthodontics, of The Faculty of Dental Surgery of The Royal College of Surgeons of England. The attainment of the learning outcomes will be assessed continuously throughout the programme. Continual monitoring of programme includes supervision of students work in the clinics, seminar and journal club presentation, and continuous assessment tests, which will be conducted every year. For the research component, there will be summative and formative assessments from the research methodology course and continual monitoring of research progress via research presentation and progress report by the appointed supervisors.

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