

Doctor in Oral Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine (DrOMPPathMed)

Course Description

- 1) This is a three-year, full time programme designed for dental graduates who wish to pursue specialist training in Oral Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine. This programme aims to produce specialists who are knowledgeable and competent in terms of clinical-pathology diagnosis and who adhere to the highest standards of professional ethics responsibility and can adapt to the changing needs of the community.

- 2) There are 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 and decision-making skills through clinical practice, histopathology diagnostic reporting and conducting research projects.**

 - c) **The programme develops analytical thinking skills through critically appraising 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 projects.**

 - e) **The programme prepares the students for lifelong learning through regular participation in journal club activities, organizing and participating in scientific conferences, seminars and workshops.**

- 3) The programme structure has been designed to encourage multi-disciplinary training 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 attend the following activities:

- a) **Clinico-Pathologic Conferences discussing different combinations of issues with regards to management of patients requiring a multidisciplinary expertise.**
 - b) **Posting in various departments within faculty, within university, outside university at Ministry of Health and other Higher Education Providers.**
 - c) **Final year attachments at accredited hospitals locally and overseas to expose the students to different healthcare settings, which will involve collaboration between multidisciplinary personnel.**
- 4) This programme encompasses all aspects of research from development of a research proposal to submission of a research write-up in the form of dissertation/report. An experienced supervisor in research will supervise the trainee in the specialty of Oral Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine. They will be able to independently conduct research work in accordance to ethics and moral in research.
 - 5) The attainment of the learning outcomes will be assessed continuously throughout the programme. This includes supervision of student's work in the clinics, seminar and journal club presentations, and continuous assessment tests, which will be conducted every year. The research component will be assessed through summative and formative assessments from the research methodology course and continual monitoring of research progress via research presentations and progress report by the appointed supervisors.

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