

Advanced General Dental Practice

MSc/PGDip (part-time)



This part-time programme is designed to meet the needs of primary dental care providers who want to enhance their clinical skills and knowledge, with a primary objective of enhancing the quality of patient care.

The modular structure includes core modules covering areas such as contemporary dental practice and new dental technologies. You can then select from a series of clinically focused modules to gain a Postgraduate Diploma and complete the Master's qualification by undertaking two clinical portfolio case studies, and a research project or audit. The course timetable is designed to fit the demands of the general dental practitioner, with the teaching being scheduled on Wednesday afternoons for 32 weeks of the year.

'...I have become more challenged and feel motivated to make advances in my own practice and professional development. Dentistry has become more interesting again for me.'

Current Student

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Why study this course?

The aim of the programme is to provide you with the opportunity to enhance your clinical knowledge and expertise in areas directly relating to your practice enabling you to:

- Improve the quality of care provided to your patients
- Increase your insight and understanding resulting in greater awareness of the management of patients
- Provide a base for personal professional development

Additionally, the programme will provide contact between different dentists who are engaged in work in a similar field, studying as a group. Teaching is provided by acknowledged experts, both locally and internationally. For example, Professor Philip Lumley co-ordinates the Management of Pulpal and Periradicular Disease module, Professor Iain Chapple the Periodontology in Practice module, Dr Neil Wilson, Fixed and Removal Prosthodontics and Implantology Theory modules.

Duration of study – Flexibility in mind

This programme has a modular structure with the needs of Primary Dental Care providers in mind. You will attend the School of Dentistry for one five-hour session per week for 32 weeks. You are able to complete your degree in a maximum of five years, but it is possible to complete the programme in approximately three years, depending on the amount of time that you are able to spend on your studies. You will have access to the School of Dentistry's award-winning e-course.

www.dentistry.bham.ac.uk/ecourse

Entry requirements

We welcome applications from GDPs, dentists working in the Community Dental Service, the Armed Forces and other areas of Primary Dental Care. You will need to be working in a practice or clinic where you will be seeing sufficient numbers of patients to enable you to write the case reports on which some of the assessments are based.

'The course is an ideal opportunity to learn from eminent professors and consultants in a small group with a chance for informal discussion.'

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Many of our students travel from all over the country and enjoy meeting up with their course colleagues on a Wednesday afternoon. For example students travel from Manchester, Nottingham, London, Liverpool, Leicester and, of course, the West Midlands.

Only a 10–15 minute walk from Birmingham New Street station and with excellent motorway, rail and bus links it is easy to get to the School of Dentistry which is situated in Birmingham City Centre and shares a site with the Birmingham Dental Hospital.



Learn more

For further information including full details of all modules, fees, application deadlines and how to apply, as well as access to our online application form, please visit our website www.birmingham.ac.uk/dentalpractice or contact:

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This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be dropped and new ones offered in their place.