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How to apply
For full-time study you must apply through the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). See ucas.com.
DENTISTRY

Glasgow Dental Hospital & School is located in the city centre with facilities for patient care, student clinical practice and training, and education and research in dental and oral diseases and disorders.

BDS (A200): Five years

UCAT
You will be required to take the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT).

Applying for Dentistry
All applications must be received by UCAS by 15 October. If applying for Dentistry (A200) you must limit your choice to four dental schools only.

Selection for interview
We will invite selected applicants to a multiple mini-interview in late January/early February. For more information, see glasgow.ac.uk/ug/dentistry

Year 1
You will be introduced to all aspects of clinical dentistry, supported by the teaching of clinical medicine, patient management and health promotion, and biomedical sciences such as anatomy, physiology and microbiology.

Year 2
You will be introduced to the theory and practice of the subjects that form the clinical basis of dentistry: operative dentistry, paediatric dentistry, and periodontal disease. As part of the introduction to operative dentistry you will learn about the treatment of dental caries, carried out in a simulated clinical setting.

Year 3
You will expand your skills in all aspects of restorative dentistry and will also carry out your first extraction. You will attend outreach placements in paediatric dentistry. Other teaching includes a comprehensive head and neck anatomy course, the dentist’s role in providing smoking and alcohol advice, initial preparation for the provision of sedation, and self-directed work within various subject areas on computer.

Year 4
You will continue to work in the Dental School and in the community and will have an opportunity to develop your clinical skills through exposure to patients in all the dental disciplines. Teaching includes oral medicine, sedation, orthodontics fixed appliance course, and further aspects of patient management/health promotion.

At the end of fourth year you are required to undertake a period of elective study of around four weeks’ duration. This is an opportunity for personal and professional development. Possible elective study options include:

- an audit project
- an educational comparison
- a research project (quantitative or qualitative)
- other types of experience such as veterinary dentistry or learning a foreign language within a clinical environment
- a healthcare project in a remote or low-income country.

You will have a supervisor to help you plan your study, which will be written up as a report at the beginning of fifth year.

Year 5
You will spend half your time in the Dental School and half working in a community outreach centre. There will be no lectures; instead you will attend eight sessions in each of the following core units:

- Crown and bridge
- Minor oral surgery
- Endodontics
- Paediatric dentistry
- Prosthodontics
- Periodontics
- Consultant clinics (1)
- Consultant clinics (2)

You will be allocated to one residential and one non-residential outreach centre.

Our international links
During the elective period at the end of fourth year, you will choose a topic to study in greater depth, either in Glasgow or elsewhere. Many students take the opportunity to travel abroad and the University provides organisational and limited financial support.

Career prospects
Most dental graduates become general dental practitioners. Other possible careers lie in the hospital service or the community dental service. Choosing a career in NHS general dental practice requires you to undertake a period of vocational training designed to ease the transition between dental school and general dental practice.

This vocational training period lasts one year. However, in some parts of the country, it has been voluntarily extended to a two-year period of general professional training, to provide experience in the provision of dental care in both primary and secondary settings.

Accreditation
The BDS is recognised by the General Dental Council for the purpose of membership.

Summary of entry requirements for Dentistry

SQA Higher Entry Requirements (by end of S6)
AAAAB Higher + 5 Advanced Higher (AABB S5 minimum for consideration)

Additional requirements: Biology and Chemistry at grade A, Maths/Physics and English/ESOL at grade C. Advanced Higher in Biology or Chemistry at grade B. UCAT (www.ucat.ac.uk for more information). Interview.

SQA Higher Advanced Entry Requirements* (by end of S6)
AAAABB Higher + 5 Advanced Higher (AABB S5 minimum for consideration)

Additional requirements: Biology and Chemistry at grade A, Maths/Physics and English/ESOL at grade C. Advanced Higher in Biology or Chemistry at grade B. UCAT (www.ucat.ac.uk for more information). Interview. Successful completion of Reach.

* See glasgow.ac.uk/accessglasgow for eligibility.

A-level Standard Entry Requirements
AAA
Additional requirements: Chemistry and Biology at grade A, 6 GCSE subjects at Grade A/7. Maths/Physics and English language/literature (English accepted at grade B/E provided all other GCSEs are attained at grade A/E). UCAT (www.ucat.ac.uk for more information). Interview.

IB Standard Entry Requirements
36 (6,6,6 HL)
Additional requirements: Chemistry and Biology at HL, Maths/Physics and HL at B (if HL not possible then S6U will be considered). UCAT (www.ucat.ac.uk for more information). Interview.

Interviews – We will invite selected applicants to a multiple mini-interview in late January/early February.

For detailed entry requirements see glasgow.ac.uk/ug/dentistry

Disclosure Scotland – Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme
If you are admitted to the BDS programme you will be required to undertake a Criminal Convictions check prior to registration. We require full declaration of convictions, including anything deemed ‘spent’. It is your responsibility to pay for the check.

International applicants
Please be aware that the University is neither responsible for, nor in a position to offer, entry into the Scottish dental workforce following successful completion of the BDS programme.

Why choose Glasgow?
Dentistry at Glasgow: further entry requirements

Work shadowing experience
For entry in September 2021 we are not asking applicants to carry out work shadowing. In an effort to keep things as straightforward as possible while there is so much uncertainty around, we will not be replacing this with any additional requirements.

We do realise that this will mean a huge change to personal statements, particularly with the cancellation of many other extra curricular activities. Our BDS person specification contains a list of the attributes we look for at interview and we do hope that the majority of applicants will have alternative experiences, outwith a dental environment, that they can draw on to demonstrate these attributes.

We would also recommended that applicants take a look at our Be a Dentist app, which is available for iPhone and Android, which contains some excellent videos from dentists in a variety of career tracks to gain some additional information on the profession.

Important characteristics
Applicants also need to demonstrate characteristics which are important for the dental profession, including being able to:

- Be diligent and ethical
- Demonstrate having a caring nature, being empathetic and respectful of the views of others
- Demonstrate good communication skills
- Work in a team and have the capacity
- To act as leader
- To be self critical and self motivating
- Be capable of independent thinking
- Plan and think on the spot, enjoy problem solving and analysing information
- Show strong evidence of manual dexterity, creativity and spatial awareness.

For full information about entry requirements, please visit glasgow.ac.uk/media/Media_719069_smxx.pdf

* Discover Uni (discoveruni.gov.uk), January 2020

<!— Disclosures: —>

**Glasgow Dental Hospital & School**

If you have any questions about the programme, please email dentistry@glasgow.ac.uk.

**Admissions**

If you are interested in applying for this course, please contact the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences Admissions Office on 0141 330 4653 or email us at ugadmissions@glasgow.ac.uk.

**All enquiries**

For more information about the BDS programme, including how to apply, please visit the University of Glasgow’s website at www.gla.ac.uk/ug/dentistry.
Important information

Fitness to Practise

Where a programme of study requires the student to act in the course of practical training in a quasi-professional role in relation to patients, children, clients or service-users or where the qualification provides a direct licence to practise, the University has a duty to ensure that the student is fit to practise. Fitness to Practise is assessed not only in terms of academic attainment but also in accordance with relevant professional concerns and expectations. Students registered to study dentistry are subject to separate Fitness to Practise procedures. A copy of the Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise will be made available to BDS students.

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is a serious blood-borne virus (BBV). This can be passed between a dentist and patient. Healthcare workers must ensure that they do everything possible to protect themselves and their patients from this infection.

Students must complete a full course of immunisation against the Hepatitis B virus. The immunisation process can take up to nine months and applicants are therefore advised to commence this process at the earliest possible opportunity. However, it is not a requirement for students to have completed the immunisation process prior to registration. Please also note that your GP is NOT under obligation to immunise you.

Confirmation of a student’s Hepatitis B Surface Antigen status is identified by the University’s Occupational Health Unit’s screening programme, prior to registration in September. No student will be registered without having this blood test.

Carriers of Hepatitis B may be precluded from registration to Dentistry because of the nature of the clinical procedures undertaken during training.

If you are concerned you may be at risk of being a carrier of the Hepatitis B virus or any other BBV you should have this checked immediately, and if positive, you must contact the Dental School as soon as possible so that discussion can take place on whether reasonable modifications would be required to be made within the undergraduate programme.

Hepatitis C

Guidelines from the Department of Health recommend that those embarking on training in certain healthcare professions in which invasive procedures are undertaken (including dentistry) must be screened for Hepatitis C prior to registration. Applicants who are carriers of this infection will not be allowed to enter training unless they respond to treatment. All new dental students will be screened for Hepatitis C. The University undertakes this during pre-entry health screening in September.

HIV

Guidance from the Department of Health requires all dental students to be screened for HIV prior to entry. Further information will be provided to applicants at the appropriate time.