A NEW Programme starting in July 2019!

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN GERIATRIC DENTISTRY
(2 Years Part-Time)

Bringing a Brighter Smile to Seniors
The ageing population is an area of increasing focus for healthcare professionals. Oral health is an important part of the older adult’s overall health and wellbeing. It contributes towards effective chewing, healthy nutrition, speech, social confidence and better cognitive and functional capacity in the elderly. The burden of oral disease in old age is high. This is further complicated by co-existing chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, dementia and polypharmacy.

The **Graduate Diploma in Geriatric Dentistry** is specially designed for dental surgeons to receive additional training to deliver evidence-informed care to the elderly.

Upon completion of the Graduate Diploma, graduates will be able to

- Deepen their understanding of the epidemiology of medical and dental conditions which can impact geriatric oral health;
- Appreciate the influence of psychosocial determinants of health, oral health and oral health care among the elderly;
- Understand the impact of public health policy on the delivery of oral health care to older adults;
- Deliver holistic patient-centric oral health care to older adults in a variety of settings including primary care and ILTC;
- Diagnose, formulate patient-centric treatment plans and competently perform evidence-informed treatment and prevention procedures for older adults to address their oral health needs and associated medical conditions as well as
- Improve the oral health of the older adult population through individual patient care and public health advocacy.

### Highlights of the Graduate Diploma

#### Extensive Clinical Training
- On-site in National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore (NUCOHS)
- Off-site in community settings (e.g. Community Hospitals, Nursing Homes) and candidates’ place of clinical practice

#### Experienced Faculty
- Clinicians from the Faculty of Dentistry, NUS; NUCOHS; other public healthcare institutions and private practice will be engaged in the teaching and clinical supervision. Medical and allied health professionals will also be part of the teaching faculty

#### Purpose-Built Training Facility
- NUCOHS has purpose-built facilities to treat and manage a broad spectrum of geriatric patients. Training in this new facility will offer candidates a conducive practice environment to enhance their geriatric dental practice

#### Strategic balance Public Health and Clinical Dentistry
- Beyond Clinical Dentistry, candidates will be exposed to public health and its impact on geriatric oral healthcare through collaborative teaching and learning with the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, NUS

#### Evidence-Based Dentistry
- Emphasis on the principles, practice and application of evidence-based dentistry to empower graduates to steer geriatric oral health to greater peaks of excellence
Assessment

**Formative**
- Written Assignments and Assessments (e-format)
- Oral Case Presentations (including treatment planning)
- Clinical Management of Older Adult Patients (across all dental disciplines)
- Clinical Portfolios

**Summative**
- Written Examination at the end of Year 2
- Structured Clinical Viva Voce

Fees

Annual Tuition Fees: SGD$22,000 per annum excluding prevailing Goods & Services Tax of 7% (SGD$11,000 payable per semester excluding Goods & Services Tax).

Students may also be required to pay mandatory miscellaneous fees. Please note that fees are subject to review by the University.

Programme Director
Professor Patrick Finbarr Allen
Entry Requirements
Candidates will be eligible to be considered for admission if he/she has
i. a recognised basic dental degree (Bachelor of Dental Surgery or its equivalent as approved by the Faculty of Dentistry);
ii. at least two years full-time clinical experience (which could include internship) after graduation with a basic dental degree;
iii. completed the TOEFL or IELTS if the native tongue or medium of undergraduate instruction is not English. The minimum acceptable scores are: TOEFL score: 580 (paper-based); 237 (compute-based); 92 (Internet-based) and above or IELTS score: 7 and above and not lower than 6.5 for each of the 4 IELTS components.

Other Requirements
Candidates need to fulfil the following in accordance with the Ministry of Health’s requirements:

i. Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) – All prospective students must be tested HBsAg negative. Those tested negative but not immune will be required to be immunised within a month from the date of screening.

ii. Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) (Chickenpox) - All prospective students must undergo screening for immunity to VZV. Those tested negative for VZV immunity will be required to be immunised within one month from the date of screening.

iii. Rubella Virus - All prospective students must undergo screening for immunity to the Rubella Virus. Those tested negative for Rubella immunity will be required to be immunised within one month from the date of screening.

Candidates must possess current malpractice insurance.

All eligible candidates shall be required to attend a selection interview.
(At present, the course will only be offered to dentists practising in Singapore.)

Application Procedure – Closing Date: 05 APR 2019
Applicants for the Graduate Diploma course are required to apply on-line at https://inetapps.nus.edu.sg/GDA2/Home.aspx and submit the completed application form (with relevant supporting documents to CADE office. An on-line application fee of SGD$50.00 (inclusive of prevailing Goods & Services Tax of 7%) will apply. The printed copy of the on-line application and supporting documents must reach the CADE office before the closing date.

For more information, visit our website at www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/CADE/CADE_about_us.html or email: denbox2@nus.edu.sg