

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO MASTER OF DENTAL SURGERY (MDS) RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Application Submission Requirements

Step 1: To upload the required documents listed below:

- 1) **Completed and Signed Application Form**
- 2) **Curriculum Vitae including Recent Photograph**
- 3) **Goal Statement (Optional)**
- 4) **Bachelor of Dental Surgery Certificate (Certified True Copy)**
- 5) **Bachelor of Dental Surgery Transcript**
- 6) **Additional Certificates (if any)**
- 7) **Proof of Employment**
- 8) **TOEFL scores/IELTS result**
- 9) **Proof of Financial Support**
- 10) **Front and Back of NRIC / Passport Copy (Certified True Copy)**

Please read the following thoroughly and ensure timely submission of the documents listed below –

On-Line Application

Completed and signed Application form generated from the Graduate Admission System (GDA) online application portal and scanned certified true copies (by the issuing institution or organisation) of supporting documents to be submitted via the GDA Application portal at <https://gradapp.nus.edu.sg/apply>.

The application form must be completed in English; and the supporting documents (e.g. dental degree certificates), if not in English, must be accompanied by copies of certified English translations.

Signed application form and all supporting documents should be submitted online through the Graduate Admission System online application portal, before the closing date on **15 October 2024**. We regret that incomplete applications as well as application forms submitted after the closing date will not be considered. Please note that shortlisted applicants will be notified and they will also be required to attend in person admissions interview/ sit for a practical test to be conducted in February/March.

Curriculum Vitae

Recent photograph to be included in your CV.

Goal Statement (Optional)

You may indicate on what you intend to achieve from the programme, and how it may aid in your career pathway and any other additional points you deem necessary to add on to your Goal Statement.

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Certificate

Certified copy of Graduate Certificate of Dental Degree *[with English Translation, if applicable]*

Transcripts

An official transcript of academic records is required from each university attended. You are responsible for requesting your transcript from the university concerned. Please use the attached transcript request form for this purpose. If you have attended more than one university, you should make photocopies of the transcript request form as required.

Please complete the relevant section of the *Transcript Request Form* and forward it to the Registrar (or relevant person-in-charge) of the University from which you are requesting your transcript.

Graduates from the National University of Singapore can apply for their transcripts online at the Registrar's Office website at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/student-records/transcripts>.

Digital copy of the official transcripts to be sent via email directly by the University to, Ms Priya Gunaseelan, at denlg@nus.edu.sg

Proof of Employment

Applicants are required to provide a letter of employment issued by the organisation showing proof of two years full-time clinical practice after graduation. The letter should indicate the duration of the employment (start date and end date).

TOEFL scores/IELTS result

Applicants to note:

- (i) Complete the TOEFL or IELTS if the native tongue or medium of undergraduate instruction is not English.
- (ii) submit TOEFL/IELTS scoresheets certified by their universities with an original stamp through the Graduate Admission System online application portal.
- (iii) quote the Faculty of Dentistry's TOEFL institution code **9083** when requesting the ETS to send the TOEFL score sheets to the Faculty of Dentistry Graduate Studies, NUS.
- (iv) Test scores for the TOEFL and IELTS are valid for 2 years from the test date

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Proof of Financial Support

Self-Financed Applicants to upload documentary evidence of financial support in the form of a bank statement / a copy of recent payslip.

Sponsored Applicants to upload a letter of confirmation from a sponsor or documentary evidence of scholarship or other award obtained.

It is mandatory for overseas applicants to submit documentary evidence of financial support in the form of a bank statement or documentary evidence of scholarship or other award obtained. If you are going to be supported by a sponsor, you will need a letter of confirmation from your sponsor together with a bank statement. The financial statement should indicate a total of **at least S\$15,000 per year for living expenses, in addition to the tuition and miscellaneous student fees** for the duration of the Programme.

Front and Back of NRIC / Passport Copy

A copy of NRIC for Singapore citizens/PR or a copy of the Passport page for International applicants.

Academic Referee Report

Recommendations from **three** academic referees who are dentists are required for each application. For overseas graduates, one of the academic referees must be from the Dean of the institute where the basic dental degree was conferred.

Referees are required to upload their reports online via the Graduate Admission System (GDA) online application portal. The deadline for referees to submit their report is within 14 days from the day of assigning them as a referee. As the closing date is 15 October 2024, the last date to assign referees on GDA is 1 October 2024. To duly inform all referees that their reports should be submitted by 15 October 2024.

For further enquiries or clarifications, please contact:

Officer in Charge (MDS Admissions)

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Master of Dental Surgery Residency Training Programme Admission Fact Sheet

About the Programme

This is a 3-year full-time structured didactic and clinical training programme and is offered in 6 specialties. The course commences in July.

Specialty	<i>Endodontics</i>	<i>Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery</i>	<i>Orthodontics</i>	<i>Paediatric Dentistry</i>	<i>Periodontology</i>	<i>Prosthodontics</i>
<i>Programme Director</i>	Assoc Prof Victoria Yu	Assoc Prof Asher Lim	Assoc Prof Kelvin Foong Weng Chiong	Assoc Prof Catherine Hong	Assoc Prof Alvin Yeo	Assoc Prof Keson Tan Beng Choon
<i>Places offered</i>	4	4	6	4	4	4

Entry Requirements

For admission as a candidate to the course leading to the degree of Master of Dental Surgery, candidate must –

- Hold a basic dental degree qualification (Bachelor of Dental Surgery or equivalent);
- Have at least two years full-time clinical experience in general dentistry after graduation (excluding internship);
- Complete 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 (computer-based), 92 (internet-based) & above or IELTS – 7. Test scores for the TOEFL and IELTS are valid for 2 years from the test date;
- For application to the MDS (**Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery**) Programme, refer to the details below:

For MDS(OMS) applicants, you will only be considered for the Selection Interviews if you :

- (i) have either of the following qualifications :
- Part 1 MDS Exam or its equivalent
 - Medical degree

OR

- (ii) have passed the MDS (OMS) Selection Test which tests the applicant's knowledge on basic medical sciences, including, anatomy, dental anatomy, physiology, microbiology and pathology.

Registration for the MDS(OMS) Selection Test

Please note that :

- (i) Only those who meet the MDS(OMS) Entry Requirements should register for the OMS Selection Test. The entry requirements are as follows :
- Hold a basic dental degree qualification (Bachelor of Dental Surgery or equivalent);
 - Have at least two years full-time clinical experience in general dentistry after graduation (excluding internship);
 - Complete 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 (computer-based), 92 (internet-based) & above or IELTS – 7.

- (ii) Registration fee for the selection test is \$218 (inclusive of 9% GST) and it is non-refundable.
- (iii) You should only make payment for the OMS Selection Test if you meet the entry requirements of MDS(OMS) programme shown under Point (i) and you are able to sit for the test in person at Faculty of Dentistry, NUS.
- (iv) Closing Date for Registration is **15 October 2024**;
- (v) The selection test will be conducted in person at Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore on **5 November 2024**. The test result will not be released to Candidates;
- (vi) Registration [link](#) for the test.
- (vii) We will be in touch with you on the payment instructions after you have registered.

Health Requirements

In accordance with the Ministry of Health requirements, admission to Dentistry is subject to the following virus screening and immunization:-

- 1) Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) – All prospective students must be tested HBsAg negative. Those who are tested negative but are not immune are required to be immunized so as to prevent HBV transmission in healthcare workplace. All immunizations must begin within one month from the date of screening.
- 2) Varicella Zoster Virus (Chickenpox) - All prospective students must undergo screening for immunity to the Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV). Those tested negative for VZV immunity will be required to be immunized within one month from the date of screening.
- 3) 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 immunized within one month from the date of screening.

NUS reserves the right to retest any or all of its new dental residents for any or all markers of Hepatitis B virus, and exclude any candidate tested positive for HBV from the Dentistry course.

Students need to show proof of medical fitness and produce documentary evidence of HIV Negative, Hepatitis B and C, Varicella Zoster Virus (Chickenpox) and Mumps, Measles and Rubella (MMR) immune status.

Paediatric Dentistry residents need to show vaccination of boostrix if they are handling paediatric/neonates patients.

Admission Details

Online Application opens on	1 August 2024
On-line Application closes on	15 October 2024

Other Documents/ Application Fee required for the application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certified true copies (by the issuing institution or organization) of - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dental degree certificate (BDS or equivalent); - your citizenship; - official transcripts of your academic records to be sent <u>directly</u> to us by your University, via email to Ms Priya Gunaseelan at denlg@nus.edu.sg. 2. Three Academic Referee Reports to be sent <u>directly</u> to us (For foreign applicants, one of the report must be from the Dean of Institute where dental degree was obtained); 3. Proof of Financial Support for period of training (e.g. bank statement/ letter from sponsor); 4. Proof of two years full-time clinical practice prior to application (excluding internship); <p>On-line payment of application Fee is S\$50.00 (including 9% GST) – Non-refundable</p>
On-line Application	<p>All applications should be submitted on-line at https://gradapp.nus.edu.sg/apply</p> <p>Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an interview in February/March. Attendance in person is compulsory for acceptance into the course. Candidates for selected specialties may also be required to take pre-admission written and/or manual dexterity tests.</p>
Financial Details	
Annual Tuition/ Mandatory Miscellaneous Fees	<p>Tuition Fees are subject to review by the University. Please refer to the NUS Registrar's Office website at http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/docs/info/administrative-policies-procedures/gdtuitioncurrent.pdf for more updated information on tuition fee and payment structure.</p> <p>Note: It is mandatory for overseas applicants to submit documentary evidence of financial support in the form of a bank statement or documentary evidence of scholarship or other award obtained. If you are going to be supported by a sponsor, you will need a letter of confirmation from your sponsor together with a bank statement. The financial statement should indicate a total of at least S\$15,000 per year for living expenses, in addition to the tuition and miscellaneous student fees for the duration of the Programme.</p>
Other Expenses upon Admission	<p>Singapore Dental Council Registration Singapore Dental Association Registration Medical Protection Scheme Immigration & Control Authority (Student Pass Application) Pre-Enrolment Medical Examination</p>
Sponsorship	<p>More information is available at the following website</p> <p>https://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/GDS/GDS_scholarship_and_financial_aid.html</p>
Stipend	<p>Residents are not paid any stipend.</p>

Course Requirements	
Degree Requirements	<p>Candidates who have been admitted to the clinical residency training programme will be conferred the Degree of Master of Dental Surgery upon fulfillment of the following requirements –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete the three-year residency training programme in any one of the specialised disciplines; • pass Final MDS Examination in any one of the specialised disciplines • undertake a research project and publish a dissertation as a partial fulfillment for the award of Master of Dental Surgery degree. • Dentists who are on Full Registration (F-reg) and Conditional Registration (C-reg) are required to fulfil 70 CPE points for each 2-year qualifying period (QP). Dentists who are on Temporary Registration (T-reg) are required to fulfil 20 CPE points per year.
Contact Us	
Contact details	Tel. (65) 67725343; E-mail: denbox2@nus.edu.sg
Additional Details	
Useful Links	<p>Office of Student Affairs - http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/ Registrar's Office - http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/prospective-students/graduate</p> <p>International students may like to refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/student-life/international-students for more information.</p>
PG Open House	
	<p>The Faculty of Dentistry is holding a Postgraduate Studies Open House on Saturday, 31 August 2024, 9am to 12pm. If you are keen to find out more about our Master of Dental Surgery (MDS), PhD, MSc and Graduate Diploma programmes, we would like to cordially invite you to join us.</p> <p>Kindly complete the Registration Form if you would like to attend.</p> <p>Please note that Registration closes on 26 Aug 2024 at 6pm.</p>

All information stated is correct at the time of printing and are subject to changes by the University without prior notice.

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