

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	Endodontics	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	Orthodontics	Paediatric Dentistry	Periodontology	Prosthodontics
Programme Director	Assoc Prof Victoria Yu	Assoc Prof Raymond Wong	Adj Assoc Prof Chng Chai Kiat	Assoc Prof Catherine Hong	Assoc Prof Alvin Yeo	Dr Frank Lee
Places offered	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 two years from the test date;

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 2026
On-line Application closes on	15 October 2026
Other Documents/ Application Fee required for the application	1. Certified true copies (by the issuing institution or organization) of - - 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 Ally Chan at allychan@nus.edu.sg. 2. Three (3) Academic Referee Reports to be uploaded in GDA3 (For foreign applicants, one of the report must be from the Dean of Institute where dental degree was obtained). Referee reports sent by applicants will not be accepted; 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); On-line payment of application Fee is S\$50.00 (including 9% GST) – Non-refundable
On-line Application	All applications should be submitted on-line at https://gradapp.nus.edu.sg/apply Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an interview in February/March. In-person attendance is compulsory for admission to the course. Candidates for selected specialties may also be required to take pre-admission written and/or manual dexterity tests.

Financial Details

Annual Tuition/ Mandatory Miscellaneous Fees	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. 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 will be supported by a sponsor, you must also provide a letter of confirmation from your sponsor together with a bank statement. The financial statement should show at least S\$15,000 per year for living expenses, in addition to tuition and miscellaneous student fees for the duration of the Programme.
Other Expenses	Singapore Dental Council Registration

upon Admission	Singapore Dental Association Registration Medical Protection Scheme Immigration & Control Authority (Student Pass Application) Pre-Enrolment Medical Examination
Sponsorship	More information is available at the following website https://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/GDS/GDS_scholarship_and_financial_aid.html
Stipend	Residents are not paid any stipend.

Course Requirements

Degree Requirements	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 – • 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 fulfilment 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 two-year qualifying period (QP). Dentists who are on Temporary Registration (T-reg) are required to fulfil 20 CPE points per year.
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Contact Us

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Additional Details

Useful Links	Office of Student Affairs - http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/ Registrar's Office - http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/prospective-students/graduate International students may like to refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/student-life/international-students for more information.
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