NUS National University of Singapore | Centre for Advanced Dental Education
Faculty of Dentistry

Graduate Diploma in Geriatric Dentistry

2-Year Part-Time* / 1-Year Full-Time**

** Recognised by the Singapore Dental Council as a displayable additional qualification*
*** For international candidates only*

Oral health is an important part of the older adult's overall health and wellbeing. It contributes towards effective chewing, healthy nutrition, speech, and social confidence in the elderly. The burden of oral disease in old age is high, and is further complicated by co-existing medical conditions and polypharmacy.

WHO IS IT FOR?

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

The 2-year programme is open to dentists who are registered with the Singapore Dental Council and currently practising in Singapore. The 1-year programme is available exclusively to international candidates.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA APPLICATION

Apply now at:
https://gradapp.nus.edu.sg

Application fee
S$50

Application deadline
19 February 2027

Programme starts
July 2027

Supporting documents

As part of your application, you will be required to submit relevant supporting documents which includes:

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree certificate
- Official transcript
- A minimum of two referee reports
- Curriculum vitae including recent photograph

For enquiries, please contact us at denlg@nus.edu.sg
https://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/CADE/CADE_dip_GD.html

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

- Deepen their understanding of medical and dental conditions which can impact geriatric oral health.
- Deliver holistic patient-centric oral health care to older adults in a variety of settings including primary care and long-term care.
- Diagnose, formulate patient-centric treatment plans and competently perform evidence-informed treatment and procedures for older adults to address their oral health needs and associated medical conditions.
- 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.
- 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), and the NUCOHS Dental Clinic @ Alexandra Hospital; Off-site in community settings (e.g. Community Hospitals, Nursing Homes) and candidates' place of clinical practice.
- **Experienced faculty:** Clinicians from NUS Dentistry, NUCOHS, other public healthcare institutions and private practice will be engaged in the teaching and clinical supervision. Teaching faculty also includes medical and allied health professionals.
- **Purpose-built training facilities:** NUCOHS has purpose-built facilities to treat and manage a broad spectrum of geriatric patients. Training in this facility will offer candidates a conducive practice environment to enhance their geriatric dental practice.
- **Strategic balance between Clinical Dentistry and Public Health:** 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.

COURSE OVERVIEW

	Didactic Programme	Clinical Training
Part 1	• Principles of Clinical Management of Older Adults I & II • Dental Management of the Medically-Complex Patient • Public Health & Ageing	Frail Older Adults in: • Primary Care • Tertiary Care
Part 2	• Principles of Clinical Management of Older Adults III & IV • Inter-Professional Approach in Geriatric Dentistry • Advanced Clinical Skills & Professional Practice	Functionally-Dependent Older Adults in: • Tertiary Care • Long-Term Care

The mode of assessment comprises formative and summative assessments including case presentations, written assessments, and submission of clinical portfolios.

COURSE FEES

- Tuition fees for AY2027/2028 are as follows:
  - **2-Year Part-Time Programme:** S$26,250 per annum (S$13,125 is payable per semester), inclusive of 9% GST.
  - **1-Year Full-Time Programme:** S$52,500 for the full programme (S$26,250 is payable per semester), inclusive of 9% GST.
  - Students are also required to pay mandatory miscellaneous fees. Please note that fees are subject to review by the University.
- Scholarship opportunities for the programme are available to support qualified applicants in their academic pursuits. Interested candidates are encouraged to reach out for more information regarding eligibility criteria, application procedures and available funding.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates will be eligible to be considered for admission subject to the following conditions:

- Recognised basic dental degree (Bachelor of Dental Surgery or its equivalent as approved by NUS Dentistry).
- At least two years full-time clinical experience (which could include internship) after graduation with a basic dental degree.
- Completed the TOEFL or IELTS if the native tongue or medium of undergraduate instruction is not English. The minimum acceptable scores are:
  - **TOEFL:** 580 (paper-based); 237 (computer-based); 92 (Internet-based) or
  - **IELTS:** 7 and not lower than 6.5 for each of the 4 IELTS components

For international applicants, please write in to denlg@nus.edu.sg for more information on entry requirements.

Note: Accepted candidates must possess malpractice insurance.

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