



## Cardiff School of Dentistry

### Undergraduate Programmes

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# Why Study Dentistry?

You have opened the first page of this brochure so you must be curious about the possibility of studying dentistry at university.

Dentists are the major providers of dental and oral care in the UK. They are trained professionals who work as part of a wider team of healthcare professionals. Much of the focus of their work is on preventing problems before they arise. This involves educating the general population about the need for good dental health. However, inevitably problems do arise and dentists are trained to diagnose and treat a whole range of dental problems and conditions using a wide variety of clinical and diagnostic treatments.

To qualify for registration with the General Dental Council (GDC) you are required to study at university for at least five years to gain a Bachelors Degree in Dentistry. This will complete your initial training, although all dentists continue to update their knowledge through postgraduate and continuing professional development courses. Dentists work in a variety of healthcare settings. Many work in community or family dental practices and dental hospitals. Others progress their careers in university dental schools and industry.

A career as a Dentist can be tremendously rewarding. The ability to eat, talk and smile is often something taken for granted. Helping to improve or correct dental problems can bring you a lot of job satisfaction. In addition, UK dentists enjoy a comfortable income. Job prospects are good and there is a possibility for flexible working arrangements.

If you like the idea of working with people, doing a professional job that is widely respected and offers good rewards, then read on!



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# Welcome

Your choice of university is an important one. All universities have their own special character and you need to identify which is the “best” for you. I hope that this brochure will be helpful and informative in that process.

The School of Dentistry offers a rich and rewarding experience. The programmes have been designed to provide you with all that you need in terms of both theory and practice. Rest assured that when you choose Cardiff’s School of Dentistry you are choosing the best. We aim to provide a friendly and stimulating environment in which you will be able to fulfil your potential and enjoy studying with us.

This brochure contains details of the Dentistry programmes offered by the School, as well as more information about our admissions requirements. Should you have any specific questions, please either consult our website, or contact the School. I wish you every success in your application and in your studies.



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Dean of Dentistry and Head of School



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## Cardiff: the City

Cardiff is one of Europe's youngest capital cities. Compact, green, friendly and full of life, it provides a first-class environment in which to live and study.

As the capital city of Wales, Cardiff has an impressive range of leisure, sporting and cultural amenities. Many of the facilities are of international standard. The city boasts world-class concert venues in the International Arena and St David's Hall, and is the focus of national and international sports events at the Millennium Stadium.

Culturally, Cardiff is well catered for with, the National Museum and Gallery of Wales, several theatres covering a wide range of tastes and the historic Cardiff Castle. The city also boasts a vibrant shopping centre, numerous cinemas and restaurants, great pubs and music venues. The development of Cardiff Bay is a major attraction and is home to the Welsh Assembly and the impressive Wales Millennium Centre.

*The Millennium Stadium*



Cardiff is a compact city with large areas of parkland and good local transport. Unlike many other cities, it offers easy access to the countryside, coast and mountains. The Brecon Beacons National Park is only a 30-minute drive from Cardiff and the Glamorgan Heritage Coast is within easy reach. The city is also easily reached by road or rail from other parts of Britain. Cardiff International Airport, just outside the city, has frequent connections to Europe and destinations outside the EU.

Cardiff combines the practical advantages of a small, friendly, city with the cultural and recreational amenities of a successful and modern capital. Such is the quality of the 'Cardiff experience' that in a recent survey a large majority of the students said they would like to stay and live in the city after graduation.

**"Cardiff is the epitome of cool, pulsing with a creative energy and relaxed atmosphere that complements its youthful heritage."**

*The Lonely Planet*

**"Cardiff is popular with students, offering all the attractions of a large conurbation without such high prices as students experience elsewhere."**

*The Times Good University Guide*

**"Cardiff is the up-and-coming cosmopolitan British city, a place jam-packed per square yard with some of the best drinking, dancing and shopping outside London."**

*Virgin Alternative Guide to British Universities*



## Come and see for yourself ...

Cardiff benefits from excellent road and rail links with Britain's other major towns and cities. London, for example, is two hours by train, and the M4 links both the west and south of England, as well as west Wales. Travel to the Midlands and the North is equally convenient. The journey by road from Birmingham, for example, takes only two hours. The main coach and railway stations are both centrally placed and Cardiff also has an international airport.



Cardiff's Civic Centre, home to the University



Cardiff Bay, the city's waterfront



# Cardiff: the University

Cardiff University is recognised in independent government assessments as one of Britain's leading teaching and research universities. Founded by Royal Charter in 1883, the University today combines impressive modern facilities and a dynamic approach to teaching and research with its proud heritage of service and achievement. The University's breadth of expertise encompasses: the humanities; the natural, physical, health, life and social sciences; engineering and technology.

The University has an outstanding location among the parks, Portland stone buildings and tree-lined avenues that form the city's elegant civic centre. Unusually for a civic university, most of the University's student residential accommodation is within easy walking distance of lecture theatres, libraries and the Students' Union, saving you time and money. More than £200 million has been invested in the university estate in recent years to provide new and refurbished facilities of the highest quality.

*The University's Main Building*





Cardiff is a member of the Russell Group of Britain's leading research universities. This creates a stimulating environment for teaching, ensuring that you are exposed to the very latest thinking and that the most modern technology and equipment is available. Teaching at Cardiff has been independently assessed as being of excellent standard. The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, which undertakes assessments with all UK universities, confirmed that prospective students, parents, teachers and graduate employers can have every confidence in the quality and standards of Cardiff's awards. Feedback in the recent National Student Surveys has also been very positive.

The student population is drawn from a variety of backgrounds, with students attracted from throughout Wales, the rest of the UK and world-wide. The University currently has around 25,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students and there is an almost equal balance between male and female students. International students comprise some 17% of the total student population. Government performance indicators show that students at Cardiff are more likely to succeed in their studies than students at most other UK universities. Currently, 95% of students successfully complete or transfer, better than many similar universities and better than the UK national average.



**"With a strong academic reputation and excellent facilities, Cardiff continues to go from strength to strength."**

*The Guardian University Guide*

**"Cardiff is surely one of the best deals going: tip-top academically, still not the hardest to get into and a fantastic extra-curricular scene. There's no excuse to leave with just a degree listed on your CV."**

*The Virgin Alternative Guide to British Universities*

**"Cardiff has established itself as the front runner in Welsh higher education... it is a match for most rivals in teaching and research and the overall performance is amongst the best in Britain."**

*The Times Good University Guide*



*Students have access to the latest IT facilities*



*Cardiff has a relaxed and friendly atmosphere*

# Accommodation

Cardiff has always attached great importance to the provision of student accommodation and has invested heavily in recent years to provide some of the highest quality residences in the UK university sector. Most of the accommodation is located close to the academic buildings. All first year undergraduates (who apply during the normal admissions cycle) are guaranteed a place in university accommodation. There is a choice of catered or self-catered residences.

New residences have been built in recent years and many of the older ones have been refurbished to a high standard. The majority of the 5,100 study/bedrooms have individual shower and toilet facilities and all halls of residence have computer network connection points.

Accepting an offer of a place at Cardiff University on a firm basis and completing your online Accommodation Request Form promptly increases the chances of your accommodation preferences being met. Full details of all University-owned accommodation are provided in the University Residences Guide.

Besides managing university property, the Residences Office maintains close links with the private sector and helps students looking to rent or share houses or flats.

**“Guaranteed accommodation in halls and houses for first years. Very high quality and relatively cheap.”**

*Equitable Student Book*

*Talybont Court, the University's newest residence*



*A typical study bedroom*



*There is a range of catered and self-catered accommodation available*



# Student Life

As a fast developing capital city, Cardiff is a great place to be a student. It's large enough to offer you an exciting variety of activities and entertainment, but small enough for you to feel comfortable in.

## The Students' Union

Cardiff Students' Union is one of the biggest, best and most active in Britain. Solus, the Great Hall and the Taf are among the Union's major attractions. Solus is the students' own high quality nightclub and the second largest in South Wales. The Great Hall is a 1500-capacity venue for major concerts and the Taf Bar is the Union's very own 'local'.

Other facilities include CF10 café, a general shop and off licence, University bookshop, computer shop, a games room and video arcade, five full size snooker tables and twelve pool tables, satellite TV, banking and insurance services. The Union also has its own letting agency and Student Advice centre and is home to Xpress Radio (the students' own radio station), an award winning student newspaper, and more than 150 cultural, political, religious, social and sporting societies.

## Jobshop

The Jobshop is a student employment service that provides casual, clerical and catering jobs around the University to hundreds of students for up to 15 hours a week.

*Solus nightclub, the Union's state-of-the-art nightclub*



*The University has three sports centres*



*The Union shop, part of the purpose-built Union complex*

**"Cardiff Students' Union is the biggest and best equipped in Britain."**

*The Independent*

**"Cardiff Students' Union is independently recognised as the biggest and best in Britain."**

*Equitable Student Book*

**"The Students' Union provides an excellent range of facilities, clubs and societies."**

*The Times Good University Guide*

# Studying Dentistry at Cardiff

Cardiff School of Dentistry is committed to, and renowned for, excellence in teaching and research. With its outstanding facilities and friendly atmosphere, it attracts students from throughout the world.

The School is large, successful and has longstanding experience of providing professionally recognised dental teaching, research and patient care. The School is located at the Heath Park campus and is based within the Dental Hospital, which is part of the University Hospital of Wales. Naturally, the Dental School has a close working relationship with the NHS.

The School's teaching has been assessed as "Excellent" by government appointed panels and it continues to develop and update its teaching methods to ensure that graduates can respond effectively to meet the challenges of clinical practice in the 21st century. Great emphasis is placed on practical/clinical studies.

The School has excellent facilities, including lecture theatres, teaching and research laboratories and student common rooms. The School is one of the few universities to have a separate dental library which houses an extensive collection of books and journals.

There is a separate reading room and a newly-equipped IT room, giving access to bibliographic databases, computer assisted learning packages, word processing packages and access to the internet. In addition, two clinics have been developed within the Dental Hospital which allows you to practise several clinical disciplines under conditions approximating dental practice. All together, the building houses 130 operating surgeries and has been designed to allow a constant rolling programme of modernisation and re-equipment to ensure that teaching and clinical facilities remain fully up-to-date.

The School has a staff of more than 100. Many are internationally renowned in their areas of expertise and the School's ongoing research work has been highly rated in recent national assessments of research quality. The School has published more than 500 articles in refereed journals and has won nine internationally recognised prizes and awards. In recent years, the Dental School has attracted more than £5 million of funding and collaborative grants. Currently, there is a total student population of around 250 undergraduate and postgraduate students, with around 68 undergraduates beginning their studies each year.







## Undergraduate Programmes

The School provides the following undergraduate programmes:

Programme	UCAS Code/Length of Course
Dentistry (Honours BDS)	UCAS Code: A200 BDS/Dent (5 years)
Dentistry (Honours BDS)	UCAS Code: A204 BDS/DentF (6 years)
Dental Hygiene (Diploma)	UCAS Code: B750 Dip/DH (2 years)
Dental Therapy/Hygiene (Diploma)	UCAS Code: B751 Dip/DT (2 years, 1 term)

Five and six year dental programmes are offered by the School; the six year programme including a Foundation year, is for those applicants who cannot meet the subject requirements for entry to the five-year programme. Graduates of the five/six-year programmes are awarded a fully classified Cardiff degree and are eligible for dental registration with the General Dental Council.

Note: Cardiff University also offers a certificate course in Dental Nursing. Please contact Diane Harries for more information.  
 Tel: 029 2054 4981  
 Email: [harrisd6@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:harrisd6@cardiff.ac.uk)

# Dentistry

The School teaches the integrated dental curriculum which was introduced in 2001; this gives you early clinical contact – in Year One you will spend one or two afternoons a week at the Dental School.

The foundation year of the six-year programme (Year 0), and most of Year One for the five and six year programmes are taught within Cardiff School of Biosciences at the University's Cathay's Park campus. Following successful completion of your Primary BDS (Part 1) examinations, you will continue the majority of your studies at the School of Dentistry. In Years Two-Five teaching is primarily based in the School of Dentistry at the University's Heath Park campus, although there are increased opportunities to practice in community clinics, district general hospitals and satellite academic units throughout Wales.

As the only School of Dentistry within Wales, there is a seamless link with the Dental Service Group of the Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust based in the University Dental Hospital, which provides the majority of the clinical experience you will gain during your studies. The staff and students working within the University Dental Hospital provide advice and treatment for patients from Wales and from neighbouring parts of England.

## Programme Structure

The Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) is an integrated course with no separation between the basic science and clinical subjects, and, within the clinical subjects, teaching within the various topics draws expertise from all relevant divisions and from other schools within the University.

### Year 1

You will spend most of the first year studying in the School of Biosciences learning the basic sciences of Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry, which are the foundation for the practice of Dentistry. Teaching is delivered through a series of lectures, seminars, and practicals. You will also spend up to two afternoons per week at the University Dental Hospital observing clinic activity, learning about clinical procedures, professionalism and dental terminology, as well as learning about the role and responsibilities of the Dental Team. You will also undertake Library, IT and study skills training at the Dental Hospital.

### Year 2

Following successful completion of the first year, you will continue to learn about the foundation topics that become integrated with the Oral Ecosystems Theme, which covers the basic sciences relevant to the mouth, including the development, physiology and biochemistry of oral and dental tissues. These themes are enhanced and supported by the Human Diseases Theme through which you will learn those aspects of Medicine, Pharmacology and Surgery required by a dentist. You are also introduced to Clinical Dentistry, commencing with the Pre-Operative Techniques course in the Pre-Clinical Laboratory which is required before progressing to work with your own patients in July of the second year. You will cover areas such as Radiology, Dental Pathology, Periodontology, Dental Materials, Cariology, Paediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics. The Dentistry in the Wider Community theme covers the Behavioural Sciences and Ethics required to work within the community, as well as continuing the Family Study programme which you started in the first year.

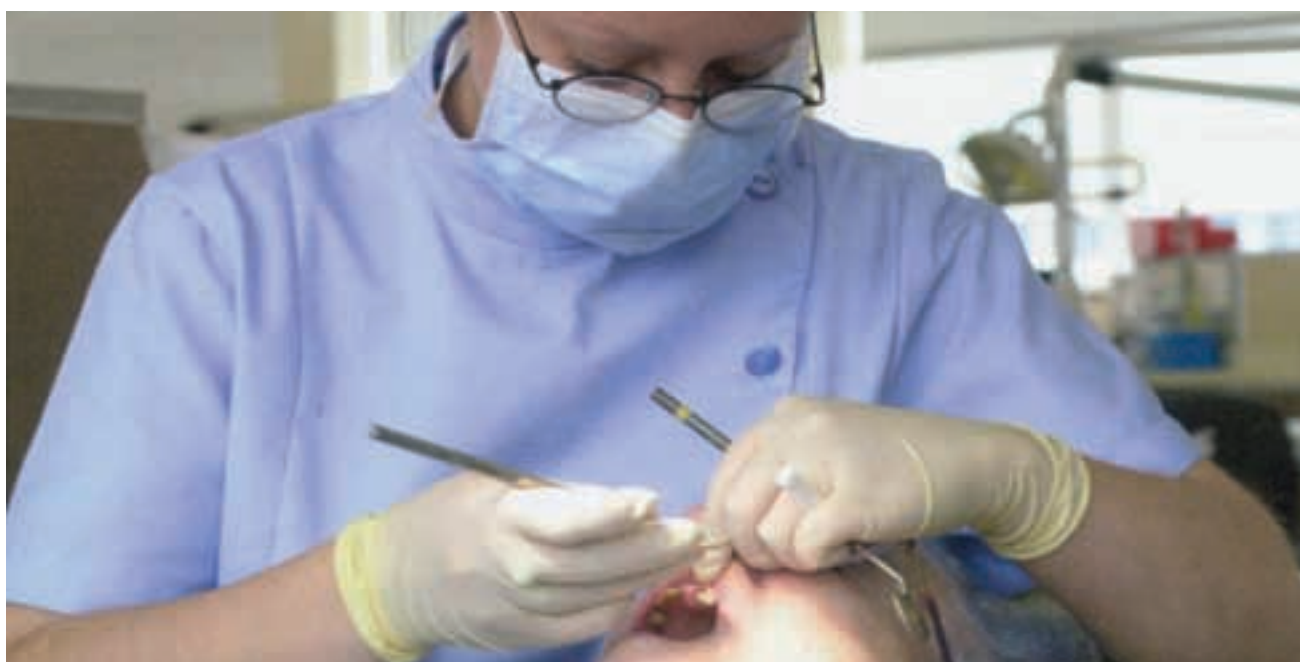
### Year 3 and 4

In the third and fourth years, you will follow the Clinical Dentistry, Human Diseases and Dentistry in the Wider Community themes, covering topics such as Integrated Restorative Dental Care, Endodontics, Prosthodontics, Periodontology, Paediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, Statistics, Oral Surgery, Medicine and Pathology and Dental Public Health. In addition to this, you will increase the amount of time spent in the clinics treating patients and developing interpersonal and clinical skills.

### Year 5

The final year provides a substantial amount of time for training outside the School of Dentistry. You will spend your time in the dental units of district general hospitals, local and outreach community dental clinics and a primary dental care unit remote from the School. There is also an opportunity for taking part in the ERASMUS programme to further develop your skills prior to graduation. The School is actively involved in the ERASMUS exchange programme and has formal links with institutions located in Sweden, the Netherlands and Italy amongst others. Students entering the final year of the BDS (Honours) degree are required to undertake a Final Year Project that contributes to their overall degree classification. The Final Year Project aims to provide you with experience in research methodology, critical appraisal of literature and scholarship.





## Assessment

At the beginning of each academic year, you will be given a course handbook, which details the content of each study module and includes information about methods of assessment used in your course. Methods of assessment include: assessed coursework, end-of-year examinations and clinical examinations.

### PRIMARY BDS

(contributes a total of 15% to the Final Classification)

#### Year 1

##### Primary BDS

(Part 1) 40% of Primary BDS

- Foundation Written Examinations
- Foundation Practicals and Projects
- Clinical Dentistry Structured Viva
- Clinical Dentistry Case Report and Portfolio

#### Year 2

##### Primary BDS

(Part 2) 60% of Primary BDS

- Foundation and Oral Ecosystem Written Examination
- Foundation and Oral Ecosystem Practical
- Clinical Dentistry/Dentistry in the Wider Community Written Examinations and OSCE
- 2 Projects and 3 Pals 1 ICA and 1 Class Test

### INTERMEDIATE BDS

(Contributes 25% to Overall Classification)

#### Year 3

Intermediate BDS

- Human Diseases Written and OSCE Examinations
- Clinical Dentistry Written and OSCE Examinations
- 3 Projects and 1 Statistics Coursework
- Case Presentation Viva

### FINAL BDS

(Contributes 60% to Overall Classification)

#### Year 4

Final BDS

- Dentistry in the Wider Community Projects

#### Year 5

- Integrated Clinical Written Examinations
- Clinical Case Presentations/ Reports
- Final Year Project

# Application

To be considered for entry onto the course you should apply online via the UCAS website using the “UCAS Apply” facility at [www.ucas.ac.uk/apply](http://www.ucas.ac.uk/apply). The website will provide you with information on how to apply and explain the procedure. Applications should be made by 15th December.

UCAS will send your application to the University. Interviews are held during the period November to early March.

**Number of places available in the first year: 68**

**Number of applications (typically): 800**

## Equal Opportunities

Cardiff University is committed to promoting equality and diversity in all of its practices and activities, including those relating to student recruitment, selection and admission. The University aims to establish an inclusive culture which welcomes and ensures equality of opportunity for applicants of all ages, ethnicities, disabilities, family structures, genders, nationalities, sexual orientations, races, religious or other beliefs, and socio-economic backgrounds. This commitment forms part of the Equality and Diversity Policy which, is available at: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/cocom/equalityanddiversity/index.html](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/cocom/equalityanddiversity/index.html)

## Applicants with Disabilities/Specific Needs

The School is happy to consider applications from students with disabilities and each applicant is considered on an individual basis. Potential applicants are advised to contact the Admissions Officer for advice before submitting a formal application.

Applications are processed without reference to disability. Applicants who are successful at interview, and who have requested support during their studies at Cardiff University, will then be assessed as to whether the Dental School can deliver the Programme satisfactorily and meet their support needs. The assessment will also include whether applicants can satisfy the “fitness to practice criteria” of the General Dental Council. Students with disabilities are invited to visit Cardiff University and meet with the disability specialist members of academic staff.

## Specific Learning Difficulties

The University is able to provide support to students with specific learning difficulties. Applicants invited for interview will be asked to provide documentary evidence, normally in the form of an educational psychologist’s report. This report will have been written on an assessment carried out when the applicant was at least 16 years of age. The report should describe the applicant’s situation and include specific recommendations for support. The report should include a one-page summary, including a diagnosis and detailed recommendations as to support considered necessary.





# Admissions Information

## Typical Offers

**A-level:** AAB from 3 A-levels.

**Welsh Bacc:** The WB Diploma is to be achieved with 360 points, which must include AA grades in the two Science A-Levels.

Other typical offers are listed on our website.

## Entry Requirements

**A-level:** Three subjects, excluding General Studies.

**5-Year Programme:** Two Science A-levels which must be Chemistry and Biology - the two A grades are specified from the science subjects.

**6-Year Programme:** No more than one of Chemistry, Biology or Physics.

**UK-CAT:** All applicants are required to take the UK-CAT aptitude test before being considered ([www.ukcat.ac.uk](http://www.ukcat.ac.uk)).

**GCSE:** Must include B grades in the single Sciences or a minimum of BB grades to be achieved in the Double Award, plus a B grade in English Language.

**Other Qualifications:** Applications from those offering alternative/vocational/overseas qualifications (eg Access, Vocational A-level) are welcome as are those who may have combinations of qualifications or other relevant work/life experience. Please see our website or contact the admissions officer for more information.

## Foundation Year (A204)

The Foundation Year programme is for applicants who cannot meet the requirements for entry to the 5-year programme by virtue of having inappropriate subject combination or depth of learning. No more than one science A-level subject is accepted. A-level and GCSE entry standards are similar to those for the 5-year programme. This is an integrated scheme in which students progress from the Foundation Year into the 5-year dental programme.

## Graduate Students

The School welcomes UCAS applications from students who have undertaken a first degree. We require an Upper Second Class Honours degree to be achieved and, in addition, give preference to a graduate who had achieved a minimum of three B grades at A-level. For entry to the five-year BDS course, Graduates must have both Chemistry and Biology at A-level.

## Deferred Entry

The School has no objection to the possibility of deferred entry providing the intervening year is spent in a positive and worthwhile way. Application is made through UCAS in the usual way, although the UCAS application must show the deferred year of entry.

## Admissions Tutor

Robert McAndrew  
Tel: 029 2074 2468

## Selection Policy

Entry to the Dental Programmes throughout the UK is subject to strict quotas. The purpose of these quotas is to allow the Government to control entry to the Dental profession as part of its manpower planning strategy.

In 2009, the Dental School expects to admit 64 students (plus up to four students from overseas). The intake of students from overseas is also subject to a Government imposed quota.

In addition, a total of approximately 10 dental students will be admitted to the amalgamated medical (A104) or dental (A204) foundation (six-year) programmes.

For entry in 2008, the School of Dentistry received approximately 700 applications. Of these, approximately 170 applicants were interviewed and, following interview, 160 offers were made. In common with all other Dental Schools competition for places is extremely keen. The decision, therefore, to apply for a place on the Dental Programme requires careful consideration and the following notes are intended to guide you through this important process.

The aims of the Dental Programme are "to educate individuals to safely practice dentistry in a training environment appropriate to their professional aspirations. They should be able to combine and use knowledge, skills and judgement and have appropriate attitudes to deliver a high standard of professional care."

The aim of our selection process is to identify those applicants who are best suited to follow our dental programme successfully, and have the greatest potential to embark on a worthwhile and productive career in the dental profession. Therefore, applicants are assessed in two broad areas:

- Academic ability and potential; and
- Personal qualities appropriate for a career in dentistry.

To achieve these objectives students are short-listed initially based on evidence of their academic ability and the personal qualities as reflected in their UCAS application. Underpinning these principles is a commitment that the selection criteria and its operation should be open and that the process is equitable and applied fairly to all.

## Academic Requirements

To establish an applicant's potential to cope with the academic requirements of the programme, the initial assessment consists of prioritizing applications based on meeting published academic criteria. These include achieving a specified minimum in certain GCSE subjects, and the overall profile of academic performance.

## Non-academic Requirements

Applicants meeting the academic requirements are assessed on the information contained in their Personal Statement and also the Referees Report. Each application is seen independently by two members of the Selection Panel and assessed against published criteria. These are that students should demonstrate:

- Evidence of potential for high academic achievement;
- An understanding of the demands of Dental training and practice;
- A caring and committed attitude towards people;
- The ability to communicate effectively;
- A willingness to accept responsibility;
- Evidence of broad social, cultural or sporting interests

The selection policy for prospective Dental Students also involves a judgement about the individual's ability to meet the academic, physical and emotional demands of health care training.

## Interviews

No offers are made to applicants without an interview. Based on the selectors' rankings plus the academic rankings, applicants obtaining the highest rankings are invited for interview. Unfortunately because of the high level of competition many students are rejected at this stage and will not be offered an interview. Interviews take place during the period November to March, and no significance should be attached to whether the interview date is early or late within this period. Those who are not invited for interview are informed, through UCAS, that their application has been unsuccessful. Typically the Interview Panel has two members of academic staff and lasts 15-20 minutes. The panel will agree on an overall recommendation. The student is assessed against the published criteria.

These are:-

- Motivation and interest in studying dentistry;
- Understanding the demands of dental training;
- Caring ethos and a sense of social awareness;
- Sense of responsibility;
- Evidence of a balanced approach to life;
- Ability to communicate effectively; interpersonal skills.

## Decisions

The final decision, based on a combination of rankings from the applicant's Academic profile, the Selectors' rankings and Interview performance, is made by the Selection committee, chaired by the Admissions Tutor. By using the combined rankings from the three areas, we aim to ensure that no single aspect of an application, whether academic ability, personal qualities or ability to communicate will predominate in the selection process. Final decisions for students are made once all interviews have been completed, and offers are given to those applicants awarded the highest overall rankings.

## Important note

These notes are intended for general guidance only. The University considers each application on its individual merits and reserves the right, in specific cases, to vary the guidance provided. The Admissions requirements specified in this booklet were correct at the time of publication relating to 2009 entry. Please contact the Admissions Officer for updated information, where appropriate, for subsequent years of entry.

## Admissions Policy

The School's full Admissions Policy is available on our website at [www.cardiff.ac.uk/dentl/degreeprogrammes/undergraduate/index.html](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/dentl/degreeprogrammes/undergraduate/index.html) or from our School's Admissions Officer.





More online at:

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/dentl](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/dentl)

[www.cardiff.ac.uk](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk)

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/carsv](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/carsv)

## Health Requirements

### Health Check

All offers made by the School will be conditional upon a satisfactory health check. Health questionnaires are sent to applicants when offers are made.

### Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV Requirements

All offers of places made to applicants will be conditional upon providing, before 30th June, a laboratory report providing evidence of non-infectivity for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV. The School will accept as documentary proof an authenticated laboratory report, i.e. having a validated sample generated within the previous year, showing the absence in serum of hepatitis B surface antigen (Hbs Ag). Applicants will also be required to have received at least two doses of the vaccination against hepatitis B prior to enrolment at the Dental School. (The full standard programme of immunisation takes six months to complete). Detailed information about our Hepatitis B requirements will be given to applicants when attending for interview. Students admitted into the BDS course will be required to provide blood samples at registration.

### Tetanus Vaccination

Applicants who decide to accept an offer from the School should check with their GP that they have an up-to-date Tetanus vaccination (i.e. within the last ten years). If a vaccination is required you will need to arrange for this to take place at least six weeks before the start of the programme (i.e. by mid-August).

### Criminal Record Check

Admission is subject to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) Section 4 (2) (exemption) Order 1975 and DHSS Circular HC (88) 9 guidelines regarding child protection and police checks. It is also considered important to ensure that applicant's attitudes and values are such that he or she can reasonably be admitted to the Dental Profession. All offers given to applicants will, therefore, include a condition relating to a satisfactory criminal record check. This condition must be satisfied before an offer is finally confirmed.

Applicants will be required to complete the Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure process (at the "Enhanced" level). Detailed information will be sent to applicants in the spring of the year of entry. Information on the Disclosure process can be found on the Criminal Records Bureau Website: [www.disclosure.gov.uk](http://www.disclosure.gov.uk). All information will be treated in absolute confidence and applicants with convictions to declare will be assessed individually as to their suitability.

## Notes for Welsh Language Applicants

We recognise that if you are a Welsh speaker you may feel more comfortable speaking to a Welsh speaking personal tutor. Provided there are Welsh speaking members of staff in your subject area, every effort will be made to allocate a Welsh speaker to you. If you wish, you can also submit your assessed work and take your examinations through the medium of Welsh, regardless of the language of tuition of the course you are following.

Some of the accommodation at Talybont and Senghennydd Court student residences has been allocated for Welsh speakers and learners who would like to be grouped together. If you would like to take advantage of this please make a note of this on your accommodation form.

## Open Day

A University-wide Open Day is held in April each year and provides the opportunity to visit all schools in addition to residences, the Students' Union and sports facilities. For further information please visit our website at: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/opendays)

The Admissions Officer is also very willing to discuss queries, either by telephone or by letter.

### Further information

For more information please contact:

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# The Training and Education Centre for Dental Care Professionals

The Training and Education Centre for Dental Care Professionals offers a Diploma in Dental Hygiene and a Combined Diploma in Dental Therapy/Hygiene. Both programmes are validated by the General Dental Council. The aim of these programmes of study is to educate students to become competent Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists capable of unsupervised practise within dental teams, working to the prescription of dentists.



## The Diploma in Dental Hygiene

The Diploma in Dental Hygiene is a full-time programme of study lasting two academic years (90 weeks of study). The programme starts in September and eight students are admitted each year.

## The Combined Diploma in Dental Therapy/Hygiene

The Diploma in Dental Therapy is a full-time programme of study lasting two academic years and one term (102 weeks of study). The programme starts in September and nine students are admitted each year.

## Programme Assessment

Assessment consists of formal examinations, assignments, project work and presentations. Clinical performance is continuously assessed and is competency based.

## Application

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age by 31 December after entry. No offers are made without interview. An Open Day is arranged in November. Details can be obtained from the DCP Training & Education Centre.

## Entry Requirements

**GCSE:** Five GCSEs at grade C or above, must include English/Welsh language and a Science based subject, both at grade B.

**Professional Qualification:** plus a recognised Dental Nurse qualification.

**A-level:** Applicants who do not have a recognised Dental Nurse Qualification will require two A-levels at grade C or above or a combination of AS and A-level passes.

**Other Qualifications:** Applications from those offering alternative/vocational/overseas qualifications (eg Access, Vocational A-level) are welcome, as are those who may have combinations of qualifications or other relevant work/life experience. Please see our website or contact the admissions officer for more information.



## Selection Procedure

### (i) Initial Academic Assessment

In order to establish applicant's potential to cope with the academic requirements of the programme, the initial assessment consists of prioritising applications based on them meeting the minimum academic criteria.

### (ii) Selection for Interview

Applicants who meet the minimum educational entry requirements are selected for interview on the basis of information contained in their UCAS application form (demonstrating their ability to meet the criteria described) and also the comments of referees. Each application is given careful consideration by the Admission Tutor and by at least one other member of the Selection Panel and the following criteria are assessed and scored independently:

- Academic record
- Dental work experience / research undertaken
- Motivation towards dental hygiene / dental therapy
- Non-academic interests

## Interviewing Procedure

No offers are made to applicants without interview. Applicants should bring with them proof of academic qualifications already obtained and their original birth certificate. The selection process involves a short written assessment, fifteen minute interview and an informal group work session. The interview panel consists of two members of staff. Interviewers receive specific guidance on the form and conduct of the interview, including advice on the avoidance of questions which might imply any unfair discrimination. The aim of the interview is to encourage the applicants to talk naturally about themselves, their studies and their experiences to enable the Panel to form an opinion about how the prospective students meet the following criteria:

- Motivation and understanding of dental therapy/ dental hygiene.
- Academic and potential practical abilities.
- Dental work experience / research undertaken.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Awareness of recent and future developments within dentistry.
- Career intention, focus and direction.

Each criterion will be assessed and graded independently by at least two trained and experienced interviewees. The final decisions will be made when all interviews have been completed. The aim of the short written assessment and informal groupwork session is to encourage the applicants to discuss a topic naturally and relax and enjoy the interview process. There is also an opportunity for prospective candidates to meet existing students.

## Admissions Tutor

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### Further Information

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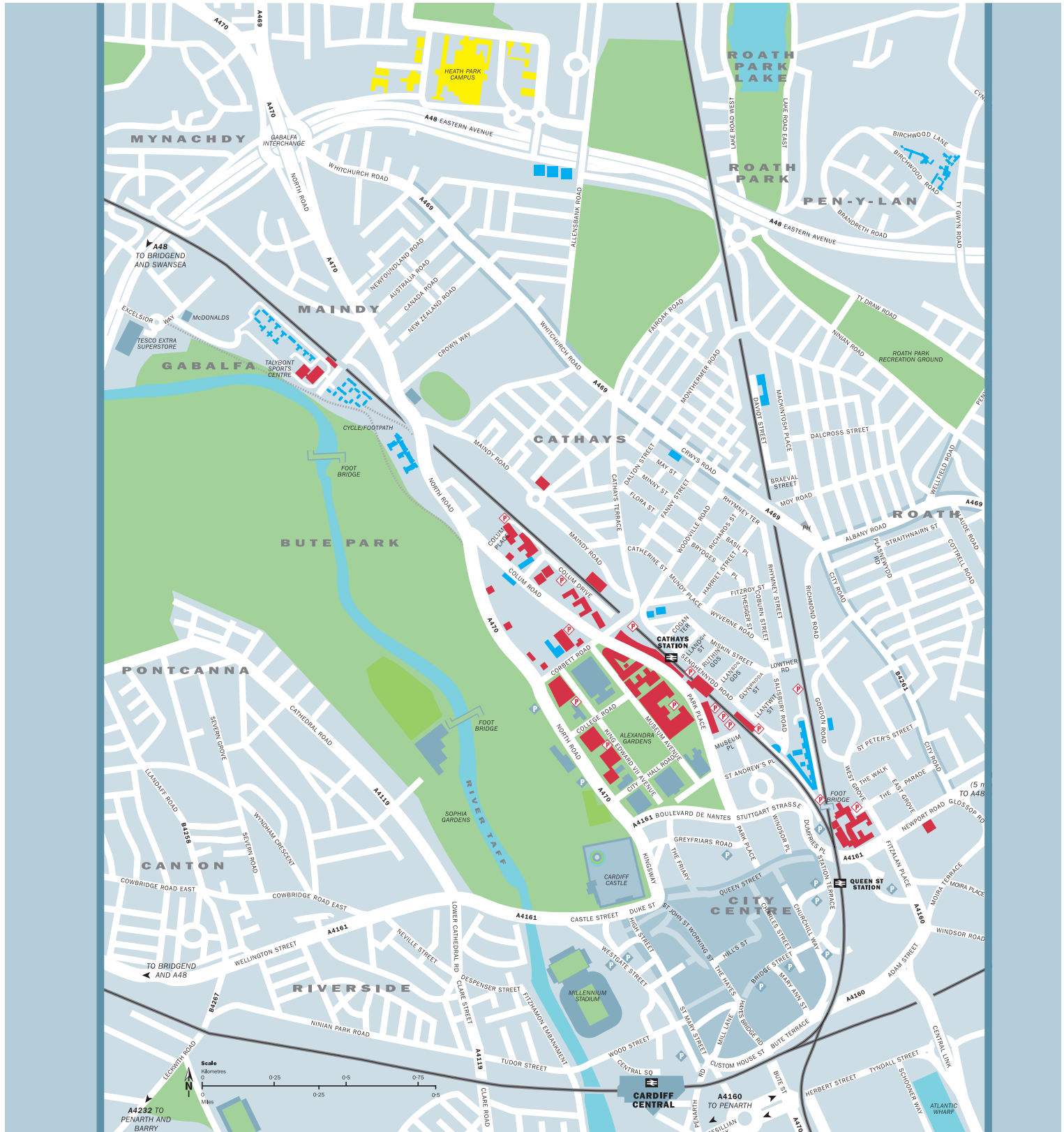
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You will be charged an annual fee of approximately £3,225pa. However, you will be eligible for an annual £1,940 fee grant from the Welsh Assembly. This means that you will pay an annual fee of approximately £1,285 although this will not be charged "up front." Instead payment will be deferred until after you have graduated and are earning more than £15,000pa.

### I currently live in England (or elsewhere in the UK)\*

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### \* Note

Tuition fees for UK/EU students awarded NHS-funded places for Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy will be paid by the NHS. The NHS may pay tuition fees for Dentistry from the 5th year of studies onwards, subject to certain eligibility criteria.

### I am living outside the EU

Details are available on the following website:  
[www.cardiff.ac.uk/international](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/international)

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