



Queen's University
Belfast

SCHOOL OF
Medicine, Dentistry and
Biomedical Sciences



Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)

Study Dentistry at Queen's

- **One of the UK's leading Dental Schools; ranked 4th for Dentistry in the Guardian University Guide 2012.**
- **The dental course at Queen's is seen as one of the most progressive in the UK and has always been recognised for its high teaching standards.**
- **Dental graduates from Queen's have made a marked impact on national and international dentistry.**
- **98% of Queen's Dentistry students were satisfied with the quality of the teaching (joint highest score among UK universities) (National Student Survey, 2010).**

"For me, Queen's is a fantastic place to study Dentistry. It has an excellent reputation and has topped the polls when it comes to the UK's best Dental schools. The dental course itself is exciting and diverse. You are trained in a wide variety of disciplines at the School, as well as different hospitals and community clinics within the city. The lecturers and tutors are very approachable and encourage you to progress and grow your knowledge base and confidence throughout your time here."

(Stephen Mullan, Dental Student)

The Subject

The Dental School runs a five-year Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree programme with an intake of approximately sixty students per year (including fifteen places for international students). This permits small group sizes and provides our students with the opportunity for close one-to-one supervision. This is seen by our students and graduates as a particular strength of the Queen's programme.

Years 1 and 2:

Students learn dental skills through clinical observation, clinical simulation and clinical practice with patients through early attachments to dental surgeries. These clinical aspects are supported by teaching of biomedical and medical subjects including molecular and cell biology, biochemistry, anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, pathology, microbiology, medicine and surgery, epidemiology, behavioural sciences and ethics.

Years 3 to 5:

Classroom and laboratory based and clinical teaching takes place in each of the dental disciplines (Restorative Dentistry/Paediatrics/Orthodontics/ Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology). Fourth year also includes a module in evidence-based dentistry.

In fifth year students have the opportunity to provide a full range of dental treatment to their patients. Teaching and learning in ethics, communication, teamwork, and related behavioural science is embedded throughout the curriculum and students learn about and practise (in a simulated setting) cardio-pulmonary resuscitation in each year of the course.

Entry Requirements

Academic:

- A-levels: AAA (including Chemistry) and at least one from Biology, Mathematics and Physics. If not offered at A-Level, a Grade B in AS Biology is also required
- Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) is considered equivalent to A Levels. Grades required are A,A (in Chemistry and Biology) and A- in another subject excluding Pengajian Am (General Studies) and Bahasa Melayu (Malay Language)
- Singapore/Cambridge A-Levels, with grades AAA (including Chemistry) at H2 Level and at least one from Biology, Mathematics and Physics. Biology is required to at least H1 Level (Grade B), if not offered at H2
- IB Diploma: with a total of 36 points including 6,6,6 (to include Chemistry and Biology) at Higher Level
- Canadian High School Graduation Diploma with 85-90% overall, including marks of at least 85-90% in Chemistry and Biology



- Indian Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate Grade XII with 85-90% overall including marks of at least 85-90% in Chemistry and Biology

Alternative equivalent academic qualifications may be considered.

In order to fulfill the subject requirements for the degree programme GCSE/SPM/ O-Level (or equivalent) in Mathematics and Physics are required, if not offered beyond this level.

UKCAT: All applicants are required to sit the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) and the results achieved will be part of the selection process.

English Language:

- IELTS: Normally an overall score of 7.5 in IELTS, with a minimum band score of 7.0 in the Speaking and Listening modules is required
- TOEFL IBT: 105, with not less than 21 – Listening; 22 – Reading; 23 – Speaking; 21 – Writing
- Cambridge English Language syllabus (UCLES) 1119 with a minimum grade of A2

Please note, the University will normally interview international applicants. These are carried out by video-conferencing and applicants are not required to attend an interview in Belfast, though are very welcome to visit.

For any specific queries about the suitability of your qualifications, or potential qualifications to apply for this course contact:

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Graduate Prospects

The dental course at Queen's is seen as one of the most innovative in the UK and has always been recognised in external reviews for its excellent and high quality teaching standards and facilities. Dental graduates from Queen's have made a marked impact on national and international dentistry and all students completing the dental course have excellent graduate employment prospects.