

HKU Faculty of Dentistry introduces new postgraduate degree in implant dentistry

Starting from the 2008-2009 academic year, the HKU Faculty of Dentistry will offer a new 3-year full-time postgraduate programme leading to the award of the Master of Dental Surgery (MDS) degree in Implant Dentistry.

This new taught postgraduate programme is designed to enable practising dentists to acquire advanced clinical training in implant dentistry as a contemporary component of comprehensive dental care. Emphasis is placed on academic aspects of implantology as well as practical training in diagnosis and treatment planning. The course includes lectures, tutorials, case conferences, clinical and laboratory work, project assignments, training in research methods, and a research project.

“Our new MDS (Implant Dentistry) degree course will supplement the Faculty’s existing MSc (Implant Dentistry) degree,” says Prof Niklaus Lang, Programme Admissions Advisor for both courses. “The MDS (Implant Dentistry) degree will provide students with a wide range of skills and opportunities to perform clinical research leading to a publishable thesis or research paper. Through the MDS (Implant Dentistry) programme, international and Hong Kong postgraduate students will receive education and training to the level of competence needed to master complex cases.”

Components of the course include the following:

- ◆ Didactic and clinical components
 - Relevant basic sciences
 - Diagnosis and treatment planning
 - Imaging
 - Patient selection
 - Presurgical and surgical aspects
 - Restorative aspects
 - Maintenance of peri-implant health
 - Maintenance of implant-supported prostheses
 - Diagnosis and management of complications
 - Laboratory techniques and CAD-CAM technology
 - Research methods
- ◆ Directed self-study and literature seminar
- ◆ Research in Implant Dentistry
- ◆ Dissertation or project report or research paper

The next intake will be in 2009 and applications are welcome from local and international applicants. Full details and application procedures for the MDS (Implant Dentistry) can be found at the following website:

www.facdenthk.org/postgraduate_prospectus.htm#midmds

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