DENTAL CAREERS IN HONG KONG

Career paths
Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) at HKU can open various career paths. Graduates can pursue any of the following careers:
• Private general dental practice
• Hospital dentistry
• Government dental service
• Institutional general practice
• Specialist practice
• University teaching and research

Some career paths require further studies. Dentists wanting to practise abroad may need to pass special examinations as specified by the local regulatory body; those who are trained abroad and want to practise in Hong Kong are required to pass the licensing examination of the Dental Council of Hong Kong.
THE HKU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

- Is among the top dental schools in the world, according to the Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings by Subject – 2nd in Dentistry in 2022 (was 1st in 2016, 2017 & 2018)
- Has been delivering world-class dental education for nearly 40 years
- Produces graduates who are keenly sought after and very well compensated by employers soon after graduation
- Provides a stimulating problem-based learning environment that encourages self-directed and life-long learning

WHAT DENTISTS DO

Dentists enjoy the daily challenges of using sound scientific knowledge, modern techniques, and advanced equipment and materials to solve clinical problems.

Dentists:
- Diagnose, prevent, and treat problems of jaws and teeth due to disease, injury, or malformation
- Perform surgical procedures such as metal implants, tissue grafts, and extractions
- Improve patients’ appearance via cosmetic dental procedures
- Educate patients to better care for their teeth and prevent dental and oral diseases

In addition, dentists can:
- Teach future dentists and dental professionals
- Perform research for the advancement of dental and oral health care, and develop new treatments

STUDYING AT THE HKU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

The Faculty of Dentistry at The University of Hong Kong is the premier dental school in the world and the only institution in Hong Kong that offers undergraduate and postgraduate dental programmes. The Faculty was established in 1982 and is located in the Prince Philip Dental Hospital. The undergraduate intake in 2022 is 90, and the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) is recognised internationally and by the Dental Council of Hong Kong.

THE UNDERGRADUATE DENTAL DEGREE

Since 1998, the HKU Faculty of Dentistry has fully integrated problem-based learning (PBL) into the undergraduate degree curriculum. We are now considered to be one of the world leaders in the field of dental PBL. The aim of the HKU BDS degree is to educate students to become caring, competent dental practitioners who are capable of life-long, independent learning. Accordingly, the Faculty’s BDS degree is student-centred and clinically focused. It integrates knowledge and skills across all relevant disciplines so that graduates are able to provide the highest standards of oral health care in a professional, proficient, ethical, and caring manner.

TO BE A DENTIST

Dentists deal with people, and their job involves diagnosing, preventing, and treating all aspects of oral diseases.

An ideal dentist is:
- Understanding, caring, and sympathetic to the needs of others
- Willing to serve the community
- Able to think, enquire, and process information logically and critically
- Able to work with others in a team and be a team leader
- Able to communicate well with others
- Fit, with a healthy, cheerful disposition