COVID 19:

Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene and Therapy

The University’s current regulations are temporarily qualified by this document for the 2019/20 academic year. The additions are in red underlined font.

1. For the purpose of these regulations ‘the University’ shall include those hospitals and outreach clinics that the University may use regularly or occasionally.

Admission

2. To be eligible for admission to the BSc programmes, candidates shall have such qualifications and experience as described in the relevant Admissions Statements.

Programme Structure

3. The programme will be divided into three years, with four units in each year. Students must attend the units or components of the units in the prescribed order and in the years of the curriculum in which they are scheduled. Students may not take courses elsewhere in place of units, unless approved by the Faculty of Health Sciences. The programme shall extend over not less than three years from commencement of professional study in the University. Information on the programme structures and units is provided in the University’s Programme Catalogue.

4. The next year shall not normally be entered upon until the preceding year has been successfully completed. Exceptionally, due to COVID-19 in 19–20, clinical practical examinations related to the 19–20 Year 1 must be passed before progression to Year 3.

Fitness to Practise

5. Students on this programme are subject to the University’s Fitness to Practise requirements.

Assessment

6. The Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes (referred to throughout these Regulations as "the Code") will apply to this degree, except where separate provision is made.

7. All units, and all components of each unit, are must pass. There is no compensation permitted between units, or between components of a unit.

8. Each year shall comprise a range of assessments and shall cover those units or elements studied during the year. The assessment for units that contribute formally to the curriculum for the degree may comprise several components, which may include a mid-sessional examination, and a final examination, together with practical and other assessments. Students shall be informed at the start of any academic year of the assessments they will be required to undertake in that year and the distribution of marks between the assessments. The exact requirements for progression from year to year on the BSc is provided in the University Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes and in the Standing Orders for the programme.

9. All practical classes and lectures shall be compulsory; failure to attend will normally necessitate the student undertaking additional work specified by the unit organiser.
10. Progression to clinical activity in year one will be subject to students passing the relevant assessment of clinical competency before a Spring deadline. The exact requirements for progression to clinical activity, and the deadline for meeting these, are provided in the Standing Orders for the programme.

11. The failure of any student to
   - show satisfactory progress in a unit of study or
   - attend regularly any prescribed teaching session (including such lectures, selfdirected learning (SDL), clinical commitments as may be required) or
   - undertake prescribed written or other work or
   - present themselves for any assessment or
   - reach a satisfactory standard in any assessment, shall be reported to the Faculty Board of Examiners, which may, at its discretion, require the student concerned to repeat a unit, to complete any additional work, to sit an examination or to withdraw from the programme.

Awards

12. Successful completion of the programmes leads to registration with General Dental Council using the title Dental Hygienist/Therapist.

13. The degree classification shall be awarded in accordance with the regulations set out in the University’s Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes.

14. A candidate who has completed satisfactorily Year 1 of the programme, but who either does not proceed or does not complete satisfactorily Year 2, may be awarded the Certificate of Higher Education. Similarly, a candidate who has completed satisfactorily Year 2, but who either does not proceed or does not complete satisfactorily Year 3, may be awarded the Diploma of Higher Education.

Approved by the Vice-Chancellor
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