Postgraduate Admissions Statement

Postgraduate Dental Studies

Programmes covered

Postgraduate Dental Studies (Occasional, Certificate, Diploma, MSc)
Applicants should also refer to the relevant prospectus entry for further programme details.
This admissions statement should be read in association with the University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Faculty

Faculty of Health Sciences

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Admissions cycle

2017

Application process

Online application

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly into the application form. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the How to Apply FAQs.
Applicants should make every effort to choose the correct programme in the application form by reading the prospectus entry and admissions statements fully. Applicants should contact the relevant Admissions Team if clarification is required.

Application Deadline

There is an application deadline for this programme, which is displayed on the individual programme page within the University course finder.
Required documents

All documents must be translated into English. Degree certificates and transcripts should be certified copies and list subjects taken and grades/degrees achieved. If your degree is not yet complete, please provide transcripts of subjects taken and marks achieved to date. All documents must be uploaded into the online application form unless otherwise noted. Applicants who have already submitted an application can upload additional documents into the ‘Post-submission uploads’ section. You can find information about how to upload documents to your application form in our How to Apply FAQs.

Required documents for this programme are:

- Two references
- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
- Personal statement
- English language certificates if English is not your native language and your undergraduate degree was not in an English-speaking country (please see the English Language Requirements for a list of English-speaking countries)
- Dental studies course booking form (which can be downloaded from the downloadable forms section of the online application)
- Sponsorship authorisation form (which can be downloaded from the downloadable forms section of the online application) if fees are to be paid by a sponsor
- Research statements and research training statements are only required for the MSc.

Interviews

Interviews do not normally form part of the selection process.

Correspondence with applicants

Applicants will normally receive communication via email to the email address used to set up their application form account. Applicants should ensure that this profile email address is kept up-to-date.

Admissions criteria

Academic entry requirements

Applicants must hold the BDS or other approved dental qualification and have been qualified for at least one year. Students must be eligible for, or registered with, the General Dental Council or other recognised registration. Registered Dental Hygienists and Therapists will be accepted onto units that cover areas within their Scope of Practice.

For the PGDip: applicants must hold the PGCert in Dental Postgraduate Studies or equivalent qualification as well as be eligible for, or registered with, the General Dental Council or other recognised registration. Recognition of Prior (Certified/Experiential) Learning would be considered.

For the MSc: applicants must hold the PGDip in Dental Postgraduate or equivalent qualification, as well as be eligible for, or registered with, the General Dental Council or other recognised registration. Recognition of Prior (Certified/Experiential) Learning would be considered.

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please see our International Office website.
English language criteria for non-native English speakers

For applicants whose first language is not English, it is necessary to achieve a minimum score in an approved English language test specified in Profile B of the University's English Language Requirements Policy. You can find information about the University of Bristol's Pre-Sessional English courses at the Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website.

Reference criteria

Applicants should arrange for referees to provide electronic references, which can be submitted through the online application system. Non-electronic references should be on headed paper, with clear contact details and signed by the person who wrote it. The two references can be academic or professional.

Personal statement criteria

Personal statements should explain why you wish to study the course and how it will aid your career.

Additional requirements

The UHBristol NHS Trust requires that all those who are granted access to patients (applicants wishing to undertake the Conscious Sedation unit[1] ) must have evidence of immunisation against infectious diseases and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance prior to commencing the clinical sessions within the Trust premises. Students on this programme will require a honorary contract with the trust. Applicants are required to provide evidence that they have all necessary immunisations as required by the NHS Trust. A full list of immunisations required and acceptable evidence is provided below. Evidence of immunisations must be submitted by 21st April 2018

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| Hep B | • 3 x Hep b vaccines and |
|       | • Blood results showing Immunity |
|       | • 5 year booster (may be required- due 5 years after immunity) |

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Exposure prone Procedure bloods (IVS)
- Hep B
- Hep C
- HIV

These bloods must be done for all students and must be completed in the UK, with no period of working abroad having been completed after they were taken (Note these bloods take a minimum of a week to be processed, so must be done at least a week before individuals are due to commence EPP work).

Applicants must also provide evidence of satisfactory DBS clearance prior to commencing the clinical sessions within the Trust premises.

International applicants will be required to provide a satisfactory Police check/Certificate of Good Conduct from their home country (with a certified translation into English if necessary). This requirement will be included in the conditions of any offer that is made, and will need to be satisfied before the applicant’s place on the programme can be confirmed.

Please note all the units are part-time, mainly delivered by distance learning. There are one to two mandatory study days per unit as well as separate examination days. This part-time programme does not meet government requirements for student visas. Internationals holding non-student visas may be eligible for study.

Selection process and offers

Selection process

All applications are considered in accordance with the University’s policy on equality and diversity. The University of Bristol upholds the principles of equality and diversity, respect and dignity. Candidates are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or belief, disability, health or age.

Following submission of the application and booking form, the Programme Director and a second academic will make an assessment of suitability. Existing students who are studying for the certificate or diploma are given first priority each year when booking on to new units. New students are enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into their application.

We aim to process all applications within one month of receiving all required documents. If an offer is made the applicant has a set period of time to indicate if they wish to accept or decline, after which point the offer will expire.

Deferrals

Deferred entry is not available as students can apply each year.

Deposits

A deposit is not required for this programme.
ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.

[1] The Conscious Sedation Unit is not available to applicants wishing to undertake the full MSc programme route.