



Graduate attributes

The dental graduates during training in the institutions should acquire adequate knowledge, necessary skills and reasonable attitudes which are required for carrying out all activities appropriate to general dental practice involving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of anomalies and diseases of the teeth, mouth, jaws and associated tissues. The graduate also should understand the concept of community oral health education and be able to participate in the rural health care delivery programs existing in the country.

Learning outcomes

(A) KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING:

The graduate should acquire the following during the period of training.

1. Adequate knowledge of the scientific foundations on which dentistry is based and good understanding of various relevant scientific methods, principles of biological functions and be able to evaluate and analyse scientifically various established facts and data.
2. Adequate knowledge of the development, structure and function of the teeth, mouth and jaws and associated tissues both in health and disease and their relationship and effect on general state of health and also bearing on physical and social well-being of the patient
3. Adequate knowledge of clinical disciplines and methods which provide a coherent picture of anomalies, lesions and diseases of the teeth, mouth and jaws and preventive diagnostic and therapeutic aspects of dentistry.
4. Adequate clinical experience required for general dental practice.
5. Adequate knowledge of the constitution, biological function and behaviour of persons in health and sickness as well as the influence of the natural and social environment on the state of health in so far as it affects dentistry.

[B] SKILLS

A graduate should be able to demonstrate the following skills necessary for practice of dentistry.

1. Able to diagnose and manage various common dental problems encountered in general dental practice keeping in mind the expectations and the right of the society to receive the best possible treatment available wherever possible.
2. Acquire the skill to prevent and manage complications if encountered while carrying out various surgical and other procedures.
3. Possess skill to carry out certain investigative procedures and ability to interpret laboratory findings.
4. Promote oral health and help prevent oral diseases where possible.

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5. Competent in the control of pain and anxiety among the patients during dental treatment.

[C] ATTITUDES:

A graduate should develop during the training period the following attitudes.

1. Willing to apply the current knowledge of dentistry in the best interest of the patients and the community.
2. Maintain a high standard of professional ethics and conduct and apply these in all aspects of professional life.
3. Seek to improve awareness and provide possible solutions for oral health problems and needs throughout the community.
4. Willingness to participate in the CPED Programs to update the knowledge and professional skill from time to time.
5. To help and participate in the implementation of the national oral health policy.

On completion of the undergraduate training program the graduates shall be competent in the following. -

General Skills

- ✓ Apply knowledge & skills in day-to-day practice.
- ✓ Apply principles of ethics.
- ✓ Analyse the outcome of treatment.
- ✓ Evaluate the scientific literature and information to decide the treatment.
- ✓ Participate and involve in professional bodies.
- ✓ Self-assessment & willingness to update the knowledge & skills from time to time.
- ✓ Involvement in simple research projects.
- ✓ Minimum computer proficiency to enhance knowledge and skills.
- ✓ Refer patients for consultation and specialized treatment.
- ✓ Basic study of forensic odontology and geriatric dental problems.

Practice Management

- ✓ Evaluate practice location, population dynamics & reimbursement mechanism.
- ✓ Co-ordinate & supervise the activities of allied dental health personnel.
- ✓ Maintain all records.
- ✓ Implement & monitor infection control and environmental safety programs.
- ✓ Practice within the scope of one's competence.

Communication & Community Resources

- ✓ Assess patients' goals, values and concerns to establish rapport and guide patient care.
- ✓ Able to communicate freely, orally and in writing with all concerned.

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- ✓ Participate in improving the oral health of the individuals through community activities.

Patient Care – Diagnosis

- ✓ Obtaining patient's history in a methodical way.
- ✓ Performing thorough clinical examination.
- ✓ Selection and interpretation of clinical, radiological and other diagnostic information.
- ✓ Obtaining appropriate consultation.
- ✓ Arriving at provisional, differential and final diagnosis.

Patient Care – Treatment Planning

- ✓ Integrate multiple disciplines into an individual comprehensive sequence treatment plan using diagnostic and prognostic information.
- ✓ Able to order appropriate investigations

Patient Care – Treatment

- ✓ Recognition and initial management of medical emergencies that may occur during Dental treatment.
- ✓ Perform basic cardiac life support.
- ✓ Management of pain including post operative.
- ✓ Administration of all forms of local anaesthesia.
- ✓ Administration of intra muscular and venous injections.
- ✓ Prescription of drugs, pre operative, prophylactic and therapeutic requirements.
- ✓ Uncomplicated extraction of teeth.
- ✓ Trans alveolar extractions and removal of simple impacted teeth.
- ✓ Minor oral surgical procedures.
- ✓ Management of Oro-facial infections.
- ✓ Simple orthodontic appliance therapy.
- ✓ Taking, processing and interpretation of various types of intra oral radiographs.
- ✓ Various kinds of restorative procedures using different materials available.
- ✓ Simple endodontic procedures.
- ✓ Removable and fixed prosthodontics.
- ✓ Various kinds of periodontal therapy.


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