ADVANCED DENTAL CLINICAL PRACTICE

MSc in Advanced and Specialist Healthcare
Articulated Pathway

Medway
The MSc in Advanced and Specialist Healthcare Articulated Pathway (Advanced Dental Clinical Practice) is a part-time Master’s-level programme studied over 18 months. It provides the route for FGDP post-registration Diploma students to achieve a full Master’s qualification.

The programme is delivered by the University of Kent’s Centre for Professional Practice (CPP), based at the Medway campus. It is a joint collaboration between the Centre and the Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) (FGDP (UK)). CPP programmes build on your professional knowledge and skills, underpinning them with theories and research in the areas of evidence-based practice, learning and development, and interprofessional working.

If you have successfully completed an FGDP post-registration Diploma programme, you may apply for direct access entry with advanced standing of 90 credits to the next available MSc in Advanced and Specialist Healthcare cohort.

Programme overview
The programme fosters the intellectual and professional development of experienced dental practitioners, allowing them to extend and deepen the analytical and critical reasoning powers that underpin dental practice.

The programme:
- provides supervision for advanced practitioner-centred research that builds a culture of evaluation and enquiry into the practice environment
- equips experienced practitioners for their role in challenging, questioning and realigning strategies for specialist practice
- develops confident advanced practitioners who are able to participate in the development of practice, and work effectively with organisational interests and evidence-based processes within complex multidisciplinary teams.

“This type of Master’s qualification is unique in that it allows students to focus on evidence-based research skills, required in preparation for the dissertation year. The whole support network and online learning resources offered by the University of Kent are excellent. For career progression, I think this programme is vital.”

Professor Mike Mulcahy, Dental Surgeon, MSc Advanced and Specialist Healthcare
Students who have successfully completed the FGDP post-registration Diploma undertake two compulsory modules totalling 90 Level 7 credits:

- Research Skills and Project Proposal (WL882, 30 credits).
- Work-related Project and Dissertation (WL816, 60 credits).

If you successfully complete the whole articulated pathway, you are eligible for the award of the MSc in Advanced and Specialist Healthcare (Advanced Dental Clinical Practice).

**Why choose Kent?**

Kent is one of the UK’s leading universities. Our outstanding teaching is rated gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework.* The University is ranked 22nd in *The Complete University Guide 2018*. Based on the most recent Research Excellence Framework, the University is ranked 17th** for research intensity by the *Times Higher Education*, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities.

**Entry requirements**

Entry to the programme is via an approved articulation arrangement route. You need to have successfully completed an FGDP post-registration Diploma programme; this provides 90 credits in the form of approved Accreditation of Prior Experiential and Certificated Learning (APECL).

You must also be working in a dental workplace setting.

**Programme structure, content and delivery**

The programme is designed to be studied on a part-time basis over two academic years. You study using a combination of online study resources and face-to-face learning; on average, it involves spending three to six weekends a year at our Medway campus.

**Dates†**

**Part 1 for those wishing to start in 2018:**

- Induction day: Thu 5 April 2018
- Weekend 1: Fri 6 April – Sun 8 April 2018
- Weekend 2: Sat 12 May – Sun 13 May 2018
- Presentations: Fri 8 June 2018
- Deadline for submission: Sat 30 June 2018
- Part 2: September 2018 (dates tbc)

**Part 1 for those wishing to start in 2019:**

- Induction days: Wed 16 – Thu 17 January 2019
- Weekend 1: Fri 18 – Sun 20 January 2019
- Weekend 2: Fri 8 – Sat 9 February 2019
- Weekend 3 (tbc): Fri 5 – Sat 6 April 2019

**Fee**

For the 2018 academic year, the total fees for the Master’s-level programme are £4,650, broken down as follows:

- 30-credit module: £1,550.
- 60-credit dissertation module: £3,100.

In subsequent years, annual increments to fees will apply.

**How to apply**

www.kent.ac.uk/pg/apply

**Further information**

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“I have a much greater understanding of research and how to better analyse and interpret the evidence on which much of our clinical practice is based. The MSc has given me the opportunity to undertake my own practice-based research project, which could influence future studies in the same field.”

Sheena Nisa
Associate Dentist in General Practice

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*The University of Kent's Statement of Findings can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement **of 122 universities, not including specialist institutions. †Programme delivery is subject to student numbers. Full details of our terms and conditions can be found at: www.kent.ac.uk/termsandconditions