

BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH (5211)

The Profession of Oral Hygiene

UWC offers a Bachelor in Oral Health (BOH). The oral hygienist focuses on preventive and promotive oral health care. Oral hygienists play the following role: primary health care professional, oral health promoter, clinician, practice manager and researcher. The oral hygienist provides preventive, educational and therapeutic services to individuals and populations of all ages including the medically compromised, mentally or physically challenged and socially disadvantaged. Oral hygienists are employed in public health services, general and specialist dental practices, research-based institutions, academic institutions, hospitals, the military as dental representatives for dental companies and as independent practitioners.

The hygienist must exhibit competencies in the following five domains:

Core competencies

- Apply a professional code of ethics in all endeavors.
- Provide oral health care to promote patient health and wellness using critical thinking and problem solving in the provision of evidenced based care.
- Communicate effectively with individuals and groups from diverse populations both verbally and in writing.
- Continuously perform self-assessment for life-long learning and professional growth.

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

- Promote the values of oral and general health and wellness to the public and organizations within and outside the profession.
- Respect the goals, values, beliefs and preferences of the patient/individual/ community while promoting optimum oral and general health.
- Identify population and individual risk factors and develop strategies that promote health related quality of life.

Patient Care

- Systematically collect, analyse, and record data on the general, oral and psychosocial health status of a variety of patients using methods consistent with medico-legal principles.
- Apply critical decision making skills to diagnose, plan, implement and evaluate a comprehensive oral health care plan that is patient centered and based on current scientific evidence.
- Provide preventive and therapeutic service within the scope of practice of the oral hygienist, as set out by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

Community Involvement

- Assess the oral health needs of the community and the quality and availability of resources and services.
- Provide screening, referral, and educational services that allow individuals/ communities to access the resources of the health care system.
- Provide community oral health care services in a variety of settings.

Professional Growth and Development

- Identify career options within health-care, industry, education and research and evaluate the feasibility of pursuing various opportunities in the field of oral hygiene.

G.10 ADMISSION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, candidates will be required to meet the following criteria to be enrolled for the degree: **Bachelor of Oral Health - BOH**

G.10.1 Admission requirements for applicants who matriculated from 2008

- (a) The National Senior Certificate for Bachelor's Degree study plus a score of no less than 27 points calculated according to the University's approved points system, as well as the following specific subject requirements:
- level 4 (50-59%) in English (home or first additional language) and
 - level 3 (40-49%) in another Language (home or first additional language) and
 - level 3 (40-49%) in Mathematics or
 - level 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics Literacy and
 - level 4 (50-59%) in Life Science

OR

- (b) A qualification or level of competence which the Senate of the University has deemed to be equivalent to the requirements stipulated in (a) and (b) above.

G.10.2 Admission requirements for applicants who matriculated before 2008

- (a) A Matriculation Exemption Certificate with the following subject requirements:
- HG (40%, E symbol) First Language and
 - HG (40%, E symbol) Second Language and
 - HG (40%, E symbol) Additional subject and
 - HG (40%, E symbol) Biology or
 - SG (50%, D symbol) Biology and
 - HG (40%, E symbol) Physical Sciences or
 - SG (50%, D symbol) Physical Sciences or
 - HG (40%, E symbol) Physiology or
 - SG (50%, D symbol) Physiology

OR

- (b) A qualification or level of competence which the Senate of the University has deemed to be equivalent to the requirements stipulated in (a) and (b) above.

G.10.3 Alternate admission requirements for applicants according to Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Students who completed the NSC in 2008 or thereafter, but have not obtained endorsements, will be considered for alternative admission after the age of 23. Such candidates will be required to complete a RPL portfolio development course and submit to a process where relevant learning and/or experience will be assessed.

Candidates who are 23 or older and do not have a matriculation certificate or NSC, but who might have obtained other qualifications or experience that may be deemed to be equivalent to admission criteria for particular study programmes, will also be required to complete a RPL portfolio development course or an RPL portfolio process as agreed and to submit to a process where such learning, qualification and/or experience will be assessed.

G.11 SELECTION

As only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme, applicants will be subject to a selection procedure.

G.12 DURATION

Unless Senate decides otherwise the duration for the degree shall extend over three years full-time study.

G.13 CURRICULUM

G.13.1 Study Level 1

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
1st Semester		
Group 1 (select all)		
Health, Development and Primary Health Care 124	HDP124	5
Social Sciences for Oral Health 122	SSD112	15
Group 2 (select 1 module)		
Introduction to Xhosa 003	XHO003	10
Introduction to Afrikaans 003	AFR003	10
2nd Semester (select all)		
*Clinical Practice I	CLP100	15
Oral Diseases I	ODS120	10
Interdisciplinary Health Promotion 111	HPD111	10
Radiography I	RAD123	5
Year Courses (select all)		
Academic Literacy 110	ALD110	10
*Clinical Oral Health I	ADP120	20
Human Biology for Oral Health 101	HBO101	10
Oral Biology for Oral Health 102	HBO102	10
	Sub total	120

G.13.2 Study Level 2

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
1st Semester (select all)		
Oral Health Promotion I	OHP213	15
Periodontology for Oral Health 210	PER210	5
2nd Semester (select all)		
Measuring Health and Disease 223	MHD223	10
Pharmacology for Oral Health 121	POH121	5
Year Courses (select all)		
*Clinical Practice II	CLP200	35
Special Care for Oral Health 210	SPC210	20
*Radiography II	RAD200	15
*Local Anaesthesia and Oral Surgery 200	LOS200	10
Oral Diseases II	ODS210	10
*Clinical Oral Health II	CON201	15

		Sub-total	140
G.13.3 Study Level 3			
Module Name		Alpha Code	Cred
1st Semester (select all)			
Oral Diseases and Prevention 310		ODP310	25
Health Systems (BOH) 300		HSY300	5
2nd Semester (select all)			
Oral Health Promotion II		OHP320	20
Year Courses (select all)			
*Clinical Practice III		CLP300	40
Applied Research 300		ARS300	20
Radiological Diagnosis for Oral Health 301		RAD301	10
Ethics and Practice Management (BOH) 312		EPM312	10
*Clinical Oral Health III 313		SCP313	10
		Sub-total	140
		TOTAL	400

G.14 ASSESSMENT

G.14.1 Assessment is governed by Rule A.5 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

G.14.2 The following faculty assessment conditions will also apply to this programme:

G.14.2.1 All modules must be passed individually. Assessment, including both formative and summative components, will be done within the modules or during the formal examination period. Assessment will include a minimum of two units/pieces of work per module. Written information regarding assessment of each module will be provided to students at the start of each module. This will include information such as the nature of and mark allocation for assignments, tests, examinations and clinical activities.

G.14.2.2 For a student to be admitted to the final examination in all clinical modules:

G.14.2.2.1 The student must obtain at least 50% in the clinical component of the coursework assessment.

G.14.2.2.2 Students must meet the minimum requirements as stipulated in the module guides.

G.14.2.3 Admission to re-evaluation / supplementary examination

Admission is governed by Rule A.5.2.6 and A.5.2.7 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

G.15 PROMOTION RULES

Unless Senate decides otherwise and subject to Rule A.3.2.3 or Faculty rules state otherwise:

G.15.1 Study Level 1

G.15.1.1 To qualify for promotion to the BOH II a student must obtain at least 110 credits for the modules prescribed for BOH I. The student will not be allowed to repeat any semester 1 modules in semester 2.

G.15.1.2 A maximum of 10 credits from first year modules may be carried while a student commences with second year modules. Modules that can be carried are Academic Literacy, Interdisciplinary Health Promotion, Health, Development and Primary Health Care, Xhosa and Afrikaans, subject to the 10 credit proviso.

G.15.1.3 Students who are repeating the first year programme may retain credits for modules passed. However, the student must register the clinical modules as prescribed for BOH I. Refer to the Curriculum G13.1 for the clinical modules indicated with an asterisk (*). Refer to Rule G.18 for the special requirements of the programme.

G.15.2 Study Level 2

G.15.2.1 To qualify for promotion to the third year, a student must pass all the prescribed modules for BOH II.

G.15.2.2 Students who are repeating the second year programme may retain credits for modules passed. However, the student must register the clinical modules as prescribed for BOH II. Refer to the Curriculum G13.2 for the clinical modules indicated with an asterisk (*). Refer to Rule G.18 for the special requirements of the programme.

G.15.3 Study Level 3

G.15.3.1 In order to fulfill the requirements for completion of the BOH degree, a student must have passed all the prescribed modules from the first to the third year of the programme.

G.15.3.2 Students repeating the third year programme must register for all the clinical modules as prescribed for the year programme. Refer to the Curriculum G13.3 for the clinical modules indicated with an asterisk (*). Refer to rule G.18 for the special requirements of the programme.

G.16 ADVANCE REGISTRATION

There are no advance registration rules for this programme.

G.17 RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

G.17.1 The renewal of registration will be governed by the Rule A.3.2.3, as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1 unless otherwise specified in Faculty rules.

G.17.2 The following conditions will also apply to the renewal of registration in this programme:

G.17.2.1 Students who do not qualify to be promoted to BOH II, and who have passed more than 50% of the modules will automatically be re-admitted into the BOH I the following year.

G.17.2.2 A student who has failed the requirements for promotion to the following year of study in two consecutive calendar years has to formally re-apply for admission.

G.17.2.3 Re-admission is subject to specific conditions laid down by the Faculty Board.

G.18 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

G.18.1 A candidate repeating the year, but who has previously passed a module for which a credit has been granted, may be exempted from the final examination provided that:

G.18.1.1 the attendance requirements are complied with, and

G.18.1.2 a continuous assessment mark of 55% is attained.

G.18.2 A student may retain credit for clinical modules but must satisfy the attendance requirements and obtain a coursework mark of 55%.

G.18.3 Every student of Oral Hygiene in the Faculty must, in accordance with the requirements of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, register as an oral hygiene student within two months after admission to the Faculty as well as after completion of the degree. Full particulars are available from the Faculty Officer.

G.18.4 It is compulsory for all first year students to submit proof of **Hepatitis B vaccination** to the Faculty Office before the commencement of the second semester.

G.18.5 Attendance at all lectures, practicals, clinical sessions, seminars, etc. is compulsory. Students who do not comply with at least an 80% attendance figure will be allocated an incomplete coursework mark and will not be allowed to sit for the final examination in the subject concerned. Every lecture is regarded as preparation for the clinical work that is to follow.

G.18.6 The subminimum rule applies for the following modules which have multiple components:

G.18.6.1 Clinical Oral Health II, in which a subminimum of 40% should be attained for each component of the module.

G.18.6.2 Local Anaesthesia and Oral Surgery, in which a subminimum of 40% should be attained for each component of the module.

G.18.7 Clinical Attire

Students are required to adhere to the faculty clinical dress code. Students are responsible for their own clinical attire and for the protective eyewear required during clinical and laboratory sessions.