



## PROSPECTUS

**ODC** كلية عُمان لطب الأسنان  
Oman Dental College



## WHY DENTISTRY

Dentistry is a blend of the oral and medical sciences, humanities and art.

Dentists, also known as dental surgeons, have the opportunity to pursue a career that offers intellectual and practical challenges, provides a valuable service to society, to earn a respected place in the community as well as to earn a good income. The dental profession provides a stimulating range of career options both in the public and the private sectors.

Dentists as healthcare professionals diagnose and treat a range of problems. This demands strong diagnostic, clinical and social skills. They usually work as leaders managing a team that includes dental nurses, hygienists, therapists, receptionists and often others dentists delivering quality oral healthcare to the community.



Dentistry therefore requires the highest standards of professional, academic and personal conduct and provides a wide range of rewarding career opportunities.



## AN INTRODUCTION TO ODC

Oman Dental College (ODC) is a higher education provider, approved by the Government of the Sultanate of Oman, licensed, regulated and supervised by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) and is the only dental college in the Sultanate. It is centrally located in Muscat in Al Wattayah in close proximity to Ministry of Health primary and tertiary care medical facilities. The College currently awards the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Degree through a six year programme of studies comprising a five year dental Degree Programme preceded by a one year pre-dental General Foundation Programme.

ODC has an academic affiliation with one of the oldest universities in the world, the University Complutense of Madrid, Spain (UCM). The College is also an associate member of the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE). The ADEE undertook a peer major review of the College in May 2015 with a very positive outcome. The College also benefits from a high level International Advisory Panel which assesses and advises ODC on all aspects of its operations including its infrastructure, strategic planning and the development of the BDS Degree Programme. The programme of studies at ODC is modern and contemporary and is structured to accommodate the needs of both local and international students.

### Our Mission

“To provide quality dental education of the highest international standards and contribute towards the progress and development of national oral healthcare provision through health promotion, disease prevention and care by the education and training of skilled, competent, ethical, and caring dental professionals.”



### Our Vision

“To excel internationally and particularly in the Middle East as a prestigious institute and centre of reference for dental education in a research informed environment through utilisation of modern technology, an evidence-based curriculum and contemporary techniques that nurture skilled and caring dental professionals who value life long learning and fulfil patient expectations.”

### Our Values

The College Values are embedded within the three Latin words, Opus (Work), Discere (Learn), Credo (Believe).

## WHY STUDY AT ODC

### Quality Programme

The programme of studies is benchmarked to international standards and is designed to prepare students to practice as safe beginners on graduation and equip them for independent dental practice, whether setting up their own clinics or working in the public sector.



### Excellent Faculty

The College has an excellent international & local faculty, with many years of teaching and clinical experience. At ODC you will be guided as an aspiring professional working towards your dental degree. The faculty at ODC are committed to providing every student with the support required to enable students to become knowledgeable & caring dental professionals.



The supervising clinical faculty at Oman Dental College comprises highly qualified and experienced clinicians, who oversee student treatment of patients with excellent support from experienced administrators and well-trained dental nurses & technical support staff.

### Teaching and Learning Facilities

The College is housed in a state of the art five-storey purpose built facility of about 6,700 m<sup>2</sup>, including lecture theatres, seminar rooms, training laboratories, student facilities, administrative and faculty offices and a 67 chair outpatient clinical dental teaching facility and day care theatre suite. These facilities provide an excellent and comprehensive range of learning experiences necessary for general dental practice. Students in the clinical years of the BDS Degree Programme are involved in providing oral and dental care for more than 4500 out-patients per annum. The excellent clinical facilities at ODC enable students to provide comprehensive quality oral and dental healthcare to all members of the public, both Omani & Expatriate. The College also has a well stocked library and a cafeteria along with student common rooms and prayer rooms.



## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME OF STUDIES

ODC provides an undergraduate programme of studies of high standards, consisting of a five year BDS dental Degree Programme, preceded by a one year pre-dental General Foundation Programme that utilises contemporary & recognised approaches to international dental education in order to graduate and qualify competent dental surgeons who are able to commence independent practice as safe beginners on par with their international counterparts.



The BDS Degree Programme curriculum at ODC is designed to meet both European and British standards and is overseen by the Academic Affiliate and is in keeping with the Association for Dental Education in Europe framework for undergraduate dental education.

### General Predental Foundation Programme

The General Predental Foundation Programme is designed to raise English language, Mathematics, ICT and general learning standards to an appropriate level for students to undertake the BDS Degree Programme.

### Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) I

The BDS Degree Programme commences in BDS I. During this first preclinical year the basic medical science subjects, encompassing human structure and function are addressed fully.

### Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) II

Along with other basic medical sciences, dental preclinical skills form a significant part of this year where students learn, develop and practice on patient simulators in the state of the art Clinical Skills Laboratory in preparation for clinical training.

### Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) III

In the third year of the BDS Degree Programme, students begin to treat patients under close supervision. Students learn to perform a wide variety of dental procedures applying theory to practice. Students also learn how to apply preventive measures and motivate patients to maintain a high standard of oral health.

### Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) IV and V

During the final two years in BDS IV and BDS V and as clinical experience is gained, skills are further developed and students learn and undertake more complex methods of treatment so that by the end of the final year in BDS V they are prepared for independent dental practice.

Throughout the clinical years of the BDS Programme, namely BDS III, IV, V there is emphasis on the interrelationship between the different dental specialties, which develops essential skills in diagnosis and treatment planning with a view to providing total holistic patient care.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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All applicants are required to have evidence of a minimum of 12 years of schooling.

An Omani General Education Diploma with a minimum Grade 'B' in English Language, Chemistry and Biology together with a minimum Grade 'C' in Pure or Applied Mathematics is required.

ODC also accepts equivalent international qualifications such as the International Baccalaureate Certificate or Diploma, A levels, CBSE etc. Please contact the College directly for details.

The College also welcomes applications from mature students with relevant health sciences qualifications.

### Applying to ODC

Omani applicants applying through the MoHE Higher Education Admission Centre should ensure they use the appropriate codes for the BDS Programme at ODC. The Higher Education Admission Centre can be accessed by the following link: [www.heac.gov.om](http://www.heac.gov.om)

Non Omani or self-funded applicants who are not applying through the Higher Education Admission Centre must complete and submit an online application using the form available via the College website [www.omandentalcollege.org](http://www.omandentalcollege.org).

Please complete the online application form in full, including contact details, educational qualifications and signatures as stated. Please ensure all copies of documents are provided together with the prescribed administration fee when submitting the application form online.

Details of fees for study at ODC are available on the College website.



## STUDYING IN MUSCAT

With its natural beauty, clean & green surroundings, good infrastructure and a safe and secure environment Muscat is a great place to live in. The cultural diversity of the city coupled with the warmth and friendliness of the local people and a religiously tolerant society means that all newcomers to Muscat feel at home instantly and fit in very easily and quickly.

The cost of living is amongst the lowest in the region, which gives young people more opportunity to make full use of the excellent shopping and recreational facilities that Muscat and the rest of Oman have to offer.

Consistently featured as one of the top tourist destinations in the world, Muscat provides an unparalleled open and dynamic setting for studying.

Oman Dental College is non residential but the Student Affairs Registry assists and supports students to find suitable accommodation.

### International Students

Oman Dental College has accepted students from several nationalities including the USA, UK, Bahrain, Syria, Iraq, Iran, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Lebanon, Palestine.

Consequently with diverse nationalities in the student body coupled with an international faculty and administration Oman Dental College provides its students with a truly global experience, which allows students to work and adapt seamlessly in any part of the world.





For more information about applying for Dentistry contact:

The Student Affairs Registry

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