



Advanced Diploma in Dental Therapy

牙科治療高等文憑

GS007A

Application Code: 2355-GS007A

QF Level 4

QR Registration Number: 16/000266/L4

Registration Validity Period: 07 Apr 2016 - on-going

Enquiries: Ms Winnie Choi

2975 5697

Programme Leader: Dr Tian Zhipeng

Introduction

The Department of Health provides annual dental check-up, as well as basic and preventive dental treatments for all the primary school children in Hong Kong through the School Dental Care Service established in 1980. The service is carried out by qualified **Dental Therapists** working under the direct supervision of government dentists in school dental clinics. Currently, there are eight school dental clinics in the territory. Their services include oral health education, scaling and polishing, fluoride application, sealant application, radiograph-taking, simple restoration and extractions.

In Hong Kong, Dental Therapists are recognized as full-time government officers of the Department of Health. They are enabled to practise dentistry under the special provisions of Section 31 (3) of the Dentists Registration Ordinance (Chapter 156).

This one-year Advanced Diploma programme in collaboration with The Prince Philip Dental Hospital (PPDH) aims to prepare a Dental Hygienist to pursue a career as a Dental Therapist. Graduates could be part of the dental team in the Department of Health to deliver oral health services within the framework of the School Dental Care Service.

Objectives

On completion of the programme, students should be able to:

1. recognize the roles and responsibilities of a Dental Therapist in the dental team of the School Dental Care Service;
2. apply professional knowledge in oral health and general health, including prevention, detection and treatment of oral diseases, to make effective clinical judgment and decisions;
3. play the role of a communicator and educator in promoting oral health, and respond to the oral health needs of the primary school children; and
4. practise clinical dentistry in a manner which is consistent with the realities of the needs of school children in Hong Kong.

Programme Structure

The programme consists of four modules.

1. Managing Dental Caries in Children
2. Medical and Dental Problems in Children
3. Dental Public Health and Ethics
4. Clinical Dentistry

Study Schedule and Progression of Studies

This is a one-year day time programme. Students are required to attend classes from 8:45 am to 5:30 pm on Mondays to Fridays and the attendance requirement of each module is at least 90%. Students have to successfully complete all 4 modules (180 credits) and pass the assessments before being granted the Advanced Diploma in Dental Therapy.

The total face-to-face contact will be around 1,810 hours. It comprises lectures, tutorials, practicums, discussions, demonstrations and clinical practice.

Mode of Delivery

Lectures will be delivered in English. Clinical sessions may be conducted in Cantonese. Most of the lectures will be delivered at The Prince Philip Dental Hospital and clinical practice will be carried out in the School Dental Care Service of the Department of Health.

Medium of Instruction

English supplemented with Cantonese. Teaching materials will be in English.

Assessment

Students are assessed by quizzes, tests, written examinations, practical exercises and examinations, case evaluation and clinical viva examinations. The pass mark is 50%.

Award

The Advanced Diploma in Dental Therapy will be awarded to candidates who have successfully attended, completed and passed the assessments of ALL modules.

Admission Requirement

Applicants should hold a Higher Diploma in Dental Hygiene awarded by HKU SPACE.

Applicants with other equivalent qualifications will be considered on an individual basis.

Fees

Application Fee: : HK\$150

Course Fee : HK\$70,000 (Subject to review)



Programme Commencement Date

3 Nov 2025 (tentative)

Closing Date for Application

27 July 2025 (tentative)

Application Procedure

Please send in the completed application form together with the appropriate application fee and any required supporting documents to HKU SPACE, 13/F, Fortress Tower, 250 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong (Attention: Ms. Winnie Choi (winnie.sww.choi@hkuspace.hku.hk)). Crossed cheque or bank draft should be made payable to "HKU SPACE". Applicants may also pay the application fee by cash, EPS or VISA/MasterCard at any HKU SPACE enrolment centres. For enquiries, please contact our staff at any of the enrolment centres.

Programme Website : <https://hkuspace.hku.hk/prog/adv-dip-in-dental-therapy-full-time>

Sponsorship Scheme Details

The information is based on 2024-25. Please refer to our website for any update.

(I) Training Sponsorship Scheme (“the Scheme”) Aims

- The Scheme targets to attract talented individuals to join these disciplines so as to strengthen the workforce of DHy and DTh in the public sector. The Department of Health (“DH”) or designated non-government organizations (“NGO”) may offer placement to all sponsored students upon graduation.

(II) Amount of Sponsorship

- Annual tuition fee (\$70,000) fully sponsored by the Scheme under conditions specified by DH.

(III) Eligibility

- Be a Hong Kong permanent resident with the right of abode in Hong Kong;
- Has been offered a training place in this Advanced Diploma in Dental Therapy programme; and
- Passed the selection interview.

(IV) Undertaking and Indemnity to the DH

- Sponsored students are required to sign an undertaking with DH to acknowledge and agree to the following
 - (a) to complete the training programme to the satisfaction of the recognised training institution and DH;
 - (b) to work in DH or be deployed to other specified institution (e.g. NGOs participating in publicly-funded dental initiatives) for one year after graduation;
 - (c) to lose the right to be reimbursed the tuition fee if he/she is in breach of the undertaking in (a) above; and
 - (d) to repay DH the tuition fee in full or in part under conditions specified by DH.

(V) Details

Further details set out by DH will be distributed by the training institution to all students after admission.