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School of Dentistry

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Welcome



**The only
Dental
School in
Wales.**

Top 3 for
dentistry in the UK.

Source:
The Complete University Guide 2020

Top 50
globally for
dentistry in the
2020 QS World
Rankings.



“The Students’ Union at the Heath Park Campus is here to enhance your student experience during your amazing journey through university. We offer a huge range of services, both at your Heath Campus Hub and down in Cathays. The Students’ Union offers free independent advice on anything from Student Lettings to Academic Appeals. Join over 250 sport clubs and societies, with regular social events including our highly prestigious Medics Sports Teams! You can also get involved in volunteering, other personal development opportunities and our fantastic JobShop scheme. There are numerous opportunities to represent your peers, as a student academic representative or even as a Sabbatical Officer in the SU! There is plenty to get involved in. The Union is dedicated to serving you as students. Please feel free to get in touch and have an unforgettable year!”

**Sebastian Ripley, Vice President Heath Park Campus 2020-21,
Cardiff University Students’ Union**



100% of our submitted research rated at least of international standard.

Source:
REF 2014

Situated in the University Dental Hospital, where there are approximately **100,000 patient contacts per year** – 75% of them directly related to clinical training of students.



Awarded the **Queen's Anniversary Prize** for Higher and Further Education.



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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, some of our teaching, learning, research and services may need to change at short notice to ensure we fully adhere to the relevant government guidance.

Please consult our website for details on how any changes may affect your studies in the 2021-22 academic year.

Discover your potential





Join our Dental School that is ranked Top 3 in the UK by the Complete University Guide 2020 based on a variety of measures including student satisfaction, research quality and graduate prospects. The School of Dentistry has a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and clinical care.

Our programmes are designed to challenge you academically and clinically, providing you with the knowledge and ability to succeed in your future career. We currently have a portfolio of four undergraduate programmes, offering qualifications in Dental Surgery (BDS), Dental Surgery with a preliminary year (BDS), Dental Hygiene (DipHE) and Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene (BSc).

These programmes provide high quality clinical and academic training for home and overseas students. We also have a vibrant postgraduate taught and research culture, which provides a range of research degree qualifications including MSc, PhD and MPhil across several stimulating areas including; Oral Biology, Implantology and Orthodontics.

The School's reputation has been enhanced by significant investment in our facilities, including refurbishment of undergraduate clinical facilities, a renovated onsite dental library and the development of research laboratories. Our teaching is at the forefront of dental education, clinical training and research, and you will have the opportunity to work with and learn from leaders in their respective fields.

You'll have access to some of the finest clinical, educational and research facilities of any UK dental school. You will be part of the wider undergraduate community in Cardiff University, which is a member of the elite Russell Group of the UK's most research-intensive universities. You'll have access to all of the opportunities and facilities of a university that was rated the top UK Dental School in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF).

All of this takes place in a supportive and professional environment within the only University Dental Hospital and School in Wales, where we do everything we can to ensure you have the very best experience and achieve your academic and clinical goals.



Step inside our doors





With a hospital-based building, a real community atmosphere, and friends you'll make for life, there has never been a better time to be welcomed into our School.

From the moment you step inside our doors, we've made sure that our environment meets all of your needs, to ensure you become the best dental professional you can be.

You will be studying at the University Dental Hospital based at The University Hospital of Wales which is the largest teaching hospital in the country, this is also known as our Heath Park Campus.

State-of-the-art dental clinics are available throughout our School which facilitate chair-side teaching in a professional and caring environment. Our clinical laboratories feature the latest CAD-CAM technology and three-dimensional printing facilities for intra-oral prostheses. You will also benefit from a £2.2M refurbishment of our pre-clinical (phantom head) teaching facilities.

A recently renovated and dedicated Dental Library can be found within the Dental School that houses an extensive collection of books and journals and private study spaces to aid your learning. You will also have access to an undergraduate IT suite and to a £1.5M redevelopment of lecture theatres and student social spaces on the Heath Park Campus.

The top floors of the Dental Hospital and School house our dedicated research laboratories, which provide access to all of the materials and equipment necessary to conduct internationally competitive biological, clinical and translational research.

The Heath Park Campus shares its location with 53 acres of parkland and playing fields and also with the School of Medicine and Healthcare making it a hub of activity for dentistry students, with a real community feel.

Being part of a community like this means you get to experience inter-professional working before you are qualified. Each School has its own specialist resources and facilities. Study areas and IT facilities are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Lecture theatres, seminar rooms and libraries are also on campus.

Plus, you get to enjoy the IV lounge; a dedicated area for our students to relax and grab something to eat. Some private residences and pop up Students' Union services are also on Heath Park Campus, and students can take advantage of the numerous external sports amenities, including a pool, squash and badminton courts and a fitness suite.

“Don't just take our word for it . . .”

The renovations to the Brian Cooke library have revolutionised the space, making it feel more spacious whilst providing individual and communal workspaces. It has created space which promotes a highly productive environment and enacted a positive change in the way we can work.

Natasha West, Dentistry student

We make sure you get
real-life experience





As part of your journey with us, we make sure that you get a blended approach to learning. That's why all of our courses offer a split of theory and placement learning.

Having a practical element to your course means you get real-life experience. Getting involved with patient care helps develop your confidence and abilities as a professional. It's also a chance for you to put your newly learnt skills into practice. You'll have the opportunity to try out different areas of placement, which will give you the best head start when it comes to looking into your employment opportunities.

Our close links with the National Health Service expedites access to a wide range of patients whose clinical care needs are suitable for undertaking specialist and advanced clinical teaching.

Because we are based in a working hospital you are instantly surrounded by the public, professionals and researchers. 75% of patient contacts (100,000 a year) are directly related to the clinical training of our students. Our progressive healthcare education is integrated with patient care and advanced research facilities, all based in our major teaching and research centre.

The academic and clinical staff within the School are recognised as being experts in their field, providing valuable clinical services to the people of Wales in addition to their academic responsibilities. We aim to ensure that you are supported while you are out on placement and that is why you will be assigned a dedicated placement educator/mentor.

Spending time on placement provides you with a varied experience; covering a wide range of dental and specialised environments.

Plus, you'll get a wider range of experience if you take an opportunity across the sea! We provide opportunities to study, work or volunteer abroad. Studying abroad can develop you personally and professionally. It can also help you learn from other cultures and implement best practice. If you are keen to travel within your undergraduate programme we can help to make it happen.



Learning with a difference





You'll be joining a Russell Group university which means we are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and strong links with other businesses and the public sector.

We work in partnership with our students to create a stimulating and supportive environment in which all our students can thrive. All of our programmes are accredited by the relevant professional bodies, and lead to eligibility for registration with the appropriate professional register on graduation.

Teaching

You will be taught by a dedicated team of dental, therapy and hygiene staff with further interactions under the supervision and support from consultants and primary care supervisors. Many are internationally renowned in their areas of expertise, as reflected in the School's recent performance in the Research Excellence Framework, ranking first in the UK in its Unit of Assessment. This means that you know you are being taught essential skills that will directly benefit you when you are working in practice.

Teaching is integrated, so you will learn the scientific and pathological processes underlying oral and dental disease at the same time as you acquire the skills to manage patients appropriately. We use a variety of methods to enrich your learning experience. These include lectures, small group seminars and tutorials, individual teaching on clinics and e-learning. Project work allows you to work in groups or individually and you will be encouraged to research topics and present work to your peers. Other methods include problem solving exercises and practical classes.

Assessment

We have numerous methods of assessing your work and this is variable depending upon your programme of study. Examples of written work include posters, presentations, written assignments, examinations, clinical assessment and dissertations. All of this prepares you for a bright and successful future.





NHS funding is available for those committed to working in Wales after qualifying (2 years for a degree or 18 months for a Diploma).*

*For Dental Therapy and Hygiene programmes

Funding your course

For Dentistry (BDS) students from the 5th Year of the course the NHS takes over as the main funding provider. For Dental Hygiene (DipHE) and Dental Therapy & Dental Hygiene (BSc) most students will have a choice to be funded via the NHS Wales Bursary scheme or via Student Finance. Funding is only available for home UK students (see below for EU and Irish nationals).

Funding for Dental Surgery (BDS)

For the first four years of Dental Surgery (BDS) funding is available for tuition fees and maintenance via your student finance service. Funding will vary depending on where you normally live, family income and whether you live at home while studying or elsewhere. For the latest information on available funding please refer to your Student Finance service website for Student Finance Wales, Student Finance England, Student Finance N Ireland or the Student Awards Agency for Scotland as appropriate.

From the fifth Year you can apply for funding to your NHS funding authority based on where you are from in the UK. Usually, the NHS will pay the tuition fees regardless of family income. Funding for maintenance will depend on where you are from in the UK, family income and where you live while studying. For students from Wales and England the funding is made up of a non-income assessed NHS Grant of £1,000 per year, an income based NHS Bursary and a reduced rate of maintenance loan.

There is no commitment to work in Wales post-qualification for BDS students.

Second degree students:

Please note that you can apply for a maintenance loan for the first four years of your course but you will not be eligible for funding for tuition fees. From the fifth year of the course you can apply for funding via your NHS funding authority for tuition fees and maintenance support.

Funding for Dental Hygiene (DipHE) and Dental Therapy & Dental Hygiene (BSc)

The Welsh Government is continuing the NHS Wales Bursary scheme for courses starting from September 2021/22.

NHS funding is available for those committed to working in Wales after qualifying (2 years for a degree or 18 months for a Diploma). A FAQ plus terms & conditions about opting in to NHS funding and the Working in Wales commitment is available on the 'NHS Wales Student Awards Service' (NHS SAS) website.

Tuition fees

If you qualify for NHS funding the NHS will pay the tuition fees in full. This support is not income assessed. If you opt out of NHS funding there is the option to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan via Student Finance to cover tuition fees.

Previous study

Currently, previous study in higher education doesn't affect eligibility for further funding via the NHS Wales Bursary scheme including the reduced rate of Maintenance Loan.

Please note that previous study can affect funding via Student Finance if you opt out of the NHS Wales Bursary scheme. Please contact the university Student Funding and Advice team for further advice.

Funding for living costs

The NHS Wales Bursary scheme consists of three basic elements:

- A non-income assessed NHS Grant of £1,000 per year.
- An income assessed NHS Bursary that can vary based on weeks of attendance and Year of the course.
- A non-income assessed reduced rate of Maintenance Loan that can vary depending on where you are from in the UK.

Student Finance consists of a Maintenance Loan only if you are from England and a combination of Maintenance Loan and non-repayable Grant for other home UK students. How much loan and grant you can get is based on an income assessment.

The income that is assessed is either the income of parents or the income of a partner or spouse depending on your circumstances. Your income prior to the course and your earnings while you study are usually disregarded.

Students with children

Extra income assessed support is available via both the NHS and Student Finance for students with children to help with living costs and with registered childcare costs. Please contact the Student Funding & Advice team for further information and advice.

Help with placement costs

There is help available for placement costs. This is usually related to travel to and from the placement and may vary depending on how you are funded and your course. In the first instance it is recommended that you contact the Dental School about placements you may be required to attend and what help is available for travel to and from the placements.

EU Students and Irish nationals

At the time of going to print there has not been an announcement by the Welsh Government on how EU students and Irish nationals will be treated for fees status and funding for courses starting from September 2021/22. The Cardiff University website will be updated when guidance is available.

Further advice

If you require further information about funding for your course please contact:
Student Funding & Advice team,
Cardiff University
Telephone: **029 2251 8888**
or Email: **Studentfundingandadvice@cardiff.ac.uk**

Cyfleoedd Cymraeg

(Welsh language opportunities)



This page is for Welsh speakers

The School of Dentistry is committed to enhancing opportunities for students to use their Welsh language

An ability to speak Welsh will be very useful during your course and throughout your career in dentistry. Bilingual skills are important to provide the best possible care to patients across Wales.

There are many opportunities available to support and use your Welsh language skills, including:

- A Welsh-speaking personal tutor as part of your pastoral care
- Opportunities to write assignments or take written examinations in Welsh if you wish
- Access to opportunities offered by the Cardiff Branch of Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol to use and develop your Welsh
- Social and sports clubs for Welsh speaking students
- Welsh for All language courses to develop your Welsh

- An opportunity to share accommodation with other Welsh speakers
- Part-time job opportunities for Welsh-speaking students.



Find out more

Further information about Welsh language opportunities at Cardiff University can be found on the website:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/cy/study/student-life/welsh-language

“Don't just take our word for it . . .”

Hello, my name is Ioan and I'm in my second year of studying dentistry here at Cardiff University. I'm originally from the Tumble in Carmarthenshire where I studied at Ysgol Maes y Gwendraeth. I decided to apply for dentistry as it is a more hands-on course with opportunities to treat patients over a period of time and really get to know them and help them. There are always new developments and discoveries in the field of dentistry which makes it extremely interesting and exciting to study. The staff here are extremely supportive on the academic and clinical side and there are plenty of opportunities to get to know other dentistry students through the Cardiff Dental Student Society. They organise different events throughout the year including bar crawls and a skiing trip which is lots of fun! Cardiff is a perfect city for students – a perfect combination of the hustle and bustle of a capital city and Welsh culture. Recently, I have volunteered to be a Welsh language ambassador to help enhance Welsh language opportunities within the School of Dentistry. I am really enjoying my time studying here at Cardiff, come and join us!

Ioan Price, BDS Student

Our undergraduate courses



Dental Hygiene (Diploma) B750 2 years

Dental Therapy and Hygiene (BSc) B752 3 years

Dentistry (BDS) A200 5 years

Dentistry (BDS) A204 6 years

Dental Hygiene UCAS Code: B750

Dental Therapy and Hygiene UCAS Code: B752



Studying at the only dental hospital in Wales you will have the opportunity to serve and manage a diverse group of patients with a wide range of dental disease.

Dental hygienists and therapists work closely with other members of the dental team. A dental hygienist can carry out treatments such as scaling and polishing, oral health promotion and preventative fissure sealants for both adults and children. Therapists, in addition, are able to carry out a variety of restorative treatments (fillings) on patients. They may also extract deciduous (baby) teeth, undertake pulpotomies (nerve treatments) and place preformed crowns on badly decayed children's teeth.

Our courses

We offer two closely allied programmes: a Diploma in Dental Hygiene (2 year programme) and a BSc in Dental Therapy and Hygiene (3 year programme), both of which are modular, running in parallel for their first two years.

1. **Dental Hygiene (Diploma) B750 2 years**
2. **Dental Therapy and Hygiene (BSc) B752 3 years**

Both programmes have been validated by the General Dental Council (GDC).

A **full NHS bursary**, including tuition fees and non-repayable bursary for living costs, is available for BSc Dental Therapy and Hygiene students and DipHE Dental Hygiene students.

We offer **integrated theoretical and practical** components of learning, teaching and assessment and integrated learning alongside other dental students.

You will spend time in local outreach facilities in years two and three gaining **real-life clinical skills**.

Not only are we based in the capital city of Wales, the University Dental Hospital building is situated on the largest healthcare campus in the country so you'll be training in a holistic clinical environment with **state-of-the-art facilities** from the outset of your course.

Programme structure

We offer an exciting blend of taught and practical teaching. The modular programme makes integrated use of lecture-style teaching, interactive seminars, clinical simulation and clinical practice.

Year 1 (Common to both)

Your time is spent in teaching of biomedical sciences, human disease subjects and oral disease and its prevention. An introductory module to clinical practice takes place in term two with its aim of preparing you for your first patient contact in term three.

Year 2 (Common to both)

You'll study subjects that include dental radiology, oral medicine and dental public health, taught before the focus turns to periodontology (gum disease) and its clinical treatment. During this year you will also be managing your own patients under supervision.

Year 3 (Therapy only)

Emphasis continues with both paediatric and adult clinical practice as well as a year-end research project. Years 2 and 3 offer opportunities for you to attend clinical placements at local outreach dental clinics, providing treatment to the public in situations closely allied to the general practice arena.

In some of these areas you will work alongside dental students in a teamwork approach to patient care. Throughout the programmes the teaching and implementation of professionalism is critical, you will be taught aspects of law and ethics in dentistry as well as the practicalities of dental treatments, and to recognise the importance and necessity of your lifelong and professional development.

Your opportunity to engage and motivate patients and provide contemporary clinical treatments make Dental Therapy and Hygiene a stimulating career. You will be equipped with all the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to prepare you for the working environment of dental hygiene and therapy. On graduation, you will be registered with the General Dental Council.

Your career

On qualification, clinicians who register with the General Dental Council are able to work in various areas of the dental sector, including general practice; community dental clinics; teaching hospitals and dental schools as well as opportunities in the armed forces.

The Dental School has a real family feel, especially with small numbers on the course. The lecturers, clinical consultants and staff helped me to settle in, meet other students and find my feet. The support has been second-to-none and it has helped me to gain confidence in myself, my knowledge and my skills. Support from my personal tutor has been amazing; close guidance and support throughout my time at Cardiff has inspired and helped me to achieve my personal and academic goals.

Elana, Dental Therapy and Hygiene Student



Dentistry

UCAS Codes: **A200** (BDS) Five years, **A204** (BDS) Six years



We are ranked in the Top 3 for dentistry in the UK (The Complete University Guide 2020) and Top 50 globally for dentistry in the 2020 QS World Rankings.

Dentists work with patients and the general public to prevent and treat dental and oral disease, correcting dental irregularities and treating dental and facial injuries. Dentists lead the dental team and have the skills and confidence to diagnose and treat problems and provide good advice to patients. They have high levels of manual dexterity to carry out intricate surgical and dental procedures and have excellent knowledge of human anatomy and oral diseases, as well as first-class clinical skills.

The five year BDS programme is for applicants that have undertaken Chemistry and Biology at A-level.

The six year BDS programme is for applicants who have no science subjects or a maximum of one science subject at A level. The preliminary year gives you an opportunity to build on your sciences to progress to the full BDS programme.

During the preliminary year you will study 120 credits alongside students from other science disciplines. Your combination of modules will depend on your prior qualifications, but this usually includes modules on biological and chemical sciences, mathematics and optional modules in subjects such as psychology and languages. A 10 credit module has been developed to allow early integration with clinical practice, where you will shadow year 4 and 5 students at St David's Hospital in Cardiff. Provided you satisfactorily complete the Preliminary year, you will progress onto Year 1 of the five year BDS programme.

Our courses

We offer two different routes to studying dentistry here at Cardiff:

1. **Dentistry (BDS) A200**
5 years
2. **Dentistry (BDS) A204**
6 years

Both programmes have been validated by the General Dental Council (GDC).

Top 3 for dentistry in the UK (The Complete University Guide 2020) and Top 50 globally for dentistry in the 2020 QS World Rankings.

The refurbished **2.2 million simulation suite** in the Dental School is state-of-the-art and your learning experience gained there will prepare you perfectly for delivery of dental care to patients in the modern clinics. The recently refurbished dental library is also in our building along with laboratory-based research facilities.

You will benefit from **early clinical exposure** working in a range of scenarios with experienced and supportive staff.

As part of our **offer to you**, if you choose us as your firm university choice we promise to save your place for the following year's entry if you miss your offer grades to allow you to resit your exams.

We have high employment rates with **100%** of our undergraduate students securing a UK Dental Foundation Training (DFT) placement.

Programme structure

We offer an exciting blend of teaching so you will learn the scientific and pathological processes underlying oral and dental disease at the same time as you acquire the skills to manage patients appropriately.

Year One

During Year One, you will spend much of your time pursuing your studies in the Biomedical Sciences Building at the Cardiff School of Biosciences. Here you will learn about the human body in health and disease as well as disease of the teeth and the supporting tissues. You will spend every Friday in the School of Dentistry, where you will be introduced to clinical dentistry. As you progress through the programme, you will learn more professionalism and skills in patient management, the importance of whole patient care, and their long-term management – just as if you were a qualified dental surgeon.

Year Two and Three

In Year Two onwards you will be based in the School of Dentistry. Initially in Years Two and Three you will develop your clinical skills and knowledge through a variety of lectures, seminars and simulated clinical activities.

Under close supervision you will see your first patient in Year Two and from then on you will have patients allocated to you to manage and treat. To underpin this you will need to understand the basics of disease, including those that affect the dento-facial area, their management and prevention, along with the diagnostic tools required for clinical practice.

Fundamental to clinical practice is the requirement to work professionally and ethically and to be able to communicate effectively to patients and staff. These essential skills are explored in detail at many points during the programme through innovative and exciting interactive sessions.

Year Four and Five

In Years Four and Five the emphasis is on developing clinical skills in a variety of environments including the School of Dentistry, community dental clinics, district general hospitals and dedicated outreach teaching facilities in and around Cardiff. A deeper understanding of the treatment planning process, the management options, including preventive orientated patient care, are developed giving our students a very broad based education to prepare them for their exciting careers.

As you become more experienced in your fourth and fifth year, you will spend time away from the Dental School in primary care settings for a period of around five weeks. These placements give you the opportunity to observe and treat an extended range of patients in community dental practice and district general hospitals throughout Wales and England. In addition, the School has two dedicated outreach centres located in the city centre and surrounding areas where you will manage your own patients in a primary care setting regularly over the last two years of your course.

Your career

On qualification, clinicians who register with the General Dental Council are able to work in various areas of the dental sector, including general dental care, community dental care, dental public health, hospital dental care and within the armed forces. Every dentist needs to undergo a period of foundation training whatever branch of dentistry you initially take up.

Our students have one of the best employability records amongst the UK dental schools: in 2019, 100% of our undergraduate students secured a UK Dental Foundation Training (DFT) placement.



The thing that sets Cardiff apart is that rare combination of excellent facilities with knowledgeable and amicable staff. There's a real family feel, which helps to give us students an unparalleled learning experience, which in turn allows us all to enjoy what we do. From the phantom head lab to the outreach clinics, I've always felt supported and compelled to reach my potential. Looking back, I've laughed as much as I've learnt, and I'm completely ready to enter my foundation year, although I will miss being here!

Emyr Meek, Dentistry Student

Entry requirements



Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programmes

Qualification	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) five year (A200):	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) six year (A204):
GCSE/IGCSE	Must have a minimum of seven GCSEs /IGCSEs . Must include A grades in the single sciences or a minimum of AA grades to be achieved in the Double Award plus a B grade in English Language or Welsh first language, with a preference given to applicants with A grade.	Must have a minimum of seven GCSEs /IGCSEs . Must include A grades in the single sciences or a minimum of AA grades to be achieved in the Double Award plus a B grade in English Language or Welsh first language, with a preference given to applicants with A grade.
A-level	Grades AAA including Chemistry and Biology.	Grades AAA including no more than one in Chemistry or Biology. General Studies and Critical Thinking are not accepted.
Welsh Baccalaureate	Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate. No longer a pass; Grade A required.	Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate. No longer a pass; Grade A required.
IB: Diploma	36 points with a minimum score of 6 at Higher Level in Chemistry and Biology.	36 points with a minimum score of 6 at Higher Level in ONE of Chemistry or Biology.
UCAT	Applicants for the BDS Programme are required to take the UCAT aptitude test before applying and the test must be taken in the same year of application: (www.ucat.ac.uk).	



Dental Therapy and Hygiene programmes

Qualification	Dental Therapy and Hygiene (BSc) three year (B752):	Dental Hygiene (Diploma) two year (B750):
GCSE/IGCSE	All applicants must have obtained a minimum of five GCSEs/ IGCSEs (or their equivalent) including: English Language or Welsh First Language at grade C or above. Four other GCSEs/IGCSEs in any subjects at grade C or above.	All applicants must have obtained a minimum of five GCSEs/ IGCSEs (or their equivalent) including: English Language or Welsh First Language at grade C or above. Four other GCSE/IGCSE in any subjects at grade C or above.
A-level	All applicants must also have one of the following: Either three A-levels at grade B or above which must include either Biology or Human Biology. OR A nationally recognised dental nursing qualification Level 3 (or equivalent) plus two A-level grade Bs , one of which must be in Biology or Human Biology.	All applicants must also have one of the following: Two A-levels at grade C or above which must include either Biology or Human Biology. OR A nationally recognised dental nursing qualification Level 3 (or equivalent), plus one A-level at grade C in Biology or Human Biology.

Starting your journey with us



Open days

Open days give you an opportunity to visit the School, located in the University Dental Hospital and to have a tour of the clinical and teaching facilities that will support you throughout your training. You will also be able to meet with members of the School's teaching staff and chat to our current students who will be able to provide a personal insight into the life of a Cardiff student across all three undergraduate programmes.

Please note that tours of the School are not possible on weekend open days due to the closure of the Dental Hospital. Further information is available on our website at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate

How to apply

Applications for all full-time undergraduate courses must be made through UCAS: www.UCAS.com. You can apply from the beginning of September the year before you intend to start your course.

There are two UCAS application deadlines:

- 15 October for Dentistry (UCAS Codes: A200 & A204)
- 15 January for our other programmes

Selection process

The aim of Cardiff School of Dentistry is to educate individuals to safely practice as a dentist, therapist or hygienist in a training environment appropriate to their professional aspirations. They should be able to combine and use knowledge, skills and judgement and have appropriate attitudes to deliver a high standard of professional care.

At Cardiff, we are seeking to admit students from all backgrounds who can demonstrate the following qualities:

- Evidence of and potential for high academic achievement
- An understanding of the demands of dental training and practice
- A caring and committed attitude towards people
- Excellent communication skills
- A willingness to accept responsibility
- Evidence of broad social, cultural or sporting interests.

Along with your UCAS application the selection policy involves making a judgement about your ability to meet the qualities listed above. If you meet the interview threshold your suitability for the profession will be assessed via Multi Mini Interviews (MMIs). By using the combined rankings, we aim to ensure that no single aspect of your application, whether academic ability, personal qualities, or ability to communicate will predominate in the selection process.

Health checks

All offers made by the School will be conditional upon a satisfactory health check. Health questionnaires are sent to you when offers have been firmly accepted.

All undergraduate students are required to attend Student Occupational Health for enrolment screening, including screening for blood borne viruses (BBV) and tuberculosis shortly after enrolment and those that are nonimmune to Hepatitis B will be required to complete a full immunisation programme before becoming involved in clinical procedures. This will be administered by the Occupational Health Service.

Cardiff University has responsibility for ensuring that your health check is completed. However, prospective students might enquire beforehand with their local General Practitioner or Travel Centre to begin the vaccination programme before joining the university (a charge may be made for this).

Please note enrolment screening forms part of your entry conditions and there is a possibility that the results of screening for BBV could prevent a student from undertaking the course.

Tetanus vaccination

Applicants who decide to accept an offer from the School should check with their GP that they have an up-to-date Tetanus vaccination (i.e. within the last ten years). If a vaccination is required you will need to arrange for this to take place at least six weeks before the start of the programme (i.e. by mid-August).

Disclosure and Barring Service check

It is considered important to ensure that your attitudes and values are such that you can reasonably be admitted to the Dental Profession. All offers given to applicants will, therefore, include a condition relating to a satisfactory criminal record check. This condition must be satisfied before an offer is finally confirmed.

You will be required to complete the Disclosure and Barring Service check during the application process (at the "Enhanced" level). Further Information on the Disclosure process can be found on the Disclosure & Barring Service Website: www.homeoffice.gov.uk/dbs. All information will be treated in absolute confidence and applicants with convictions to declare will be assessed individually as to their suitability.

Get in touch

For further information please contact us at:

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Telephone: **(029) 2074 6917/2468**

Email: DentalUGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk



A capital city



Cardiff is a compact city with an enormous character. Nestled between the rugged coastline and breathtaking mountainous scenery of Wales, the country's capital is a cornucopia of culture, marrying historical delights with cosmopolitan amenities.

Providing an endless array of activities, one stroll through its cobbled streets can see you learn about the rich tapestry of Cardiff's past at Cardiff Castle, before soaking in the atmosphere as the crowds spill from the Principality Stadium after one of the many sporting events it holds year round.

The vibrant and independent culinary scene is the heartbeat of the city. With something

to please every palate, you can enjoy fine dining, plant-based treats and exotic cuisines from almost every corner of the globe, without forgetting Welsh cakes for dessert!

Wales is the land of song, and Cardiff certainly contributes heftily to this legacy. This city is built with music running through its veins, from the oldest record store in the world, Spillers Records, which is tucked away in Morgan Arcade, to more contemporary and intimate venues which host some of the world's most exciting new musical talent.

Though your Cardiff bucket list may be bursting at the seams, be sure to make a little room for our National Museum which is a place of

true wonder, while the iconic Wales Millennium Centre in the idyllic setting of Cardiff Bay is simply not to be missed.

Bustling with personality, Cardiff is a city made for students, offering an endless string of entertainment opportunities while remaining inexpensive and easy to navigate.

The modern shopping centres, aesthetic arcades, luscious green parks and thriving nightlife are a huge draw for living in Cardiff, though you'll always find your way back to our Students' Union, which is the true home of the student scene in the city.

Find out more at: www.visitcardiff.com

“The official capital of Wales only since 1955, the buoyant city of Cardiff (Caerdydd) has, since the turn of the millennium, witnessed a remarkable evolution from a large town to a truly international city, with massive developments in the centre as well as on the rejuvenated waterfront. With a reputation as a party town, allied to lots of top-class sport and cultural attractions, it is one of the UK's most enticing destinations.”

Rough Guide 2020

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“Cardiff University is highly rated on a local and global scale.”

The Telegraph, 2018

Our students learn from leading researchers in over 300 courses across the University. As Wales’ only Russell Group institution, we have gained an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, which is built from our history of achievement since 1883.

Cardiff University becomes home for approximately 5,500 new undergraduate students every year. While competition for places is strong, we pride ourselves on being an inclusive university, welcoming applications from everyone who wishes to study with us.

We are a global university with over 7,900 international students from more than 100 countries and we open our doors to all applications, irrespective of background.

Facilities and development

Committed to investing in our services, Cardiff University is home to new and well-equipped laboratories, lecture theatres, libraries and computing facilities to name a few, with more exciting developments continuously underway.

We take our environmental, safety and security responsibilities seriously, embracing our comprehensive Energy, Water and Waste Policy, which is already making great savings in energy consumption and helping us to do our bit to tackle climate change.

For those studying healthcare courses, we have close relationships with a range of general and specialist institutions across Wales, giving you excellent clinical experience in different environments both in hospitals and the community.

Global opportunities

We are partnered with over 300 leading institutions across the world, and our Global Opportunities team will help you to gain valuable international experience, through study, work or volunteering.

Supporting you

Our student support and wellbeing centres deliver a substantial range of services available to all students that are free, impartial, non-judgemental and confidential, aimed to help you make the most of student life and support you during your study.

We are also rated as one of the best universities for supporting LGBT+ students and are proud to be ranked highly in the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index.

Find out more at: www.cardiff.ac.uk

Virtual Campus Tour

Discover more about the University and the city of Cardiff through our interactive online tour at: virtualltour.cardiff.ac.uk

Living in Cardiff



“Cardiff has one of the biggest, best and most active students’ unions in the UK, with high quality facilities including Y Plas, a 2,150 capacity nightclub; and the Great Hall, a major concert venue.”

Complete University Guide, 2019



Cardiff is the perfect place to be a student. It mirrors the hive of activity a big city offers, but in an intimate and compact setting with endless character. Drink in the atmosphere, soak up the culture and get stuck into the host of activities available in our city; your new home.

A guarantee of accommodation

If you accept your offer of a place at Cardiff on a firm basis, you are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University accommodation during your first year, living with other first year undergraduate students.

The residential dates for your particular accommodation will be confirmed in your Offer of Residence.

Please note: all residential periods may include placement periods when you will be paying residences fees but may not be occupying your room.

Residence life

While staying in Cardiff student accommodation, you will have access to the incredible service provided by the Residence Life Team who work tirelessly to enhance your student experience.

Working in partnership with Student Support and Wellbeing, the Residences Office and the Students’ Union, Residence Life will welcome you to Cardiff and help you to make a smooth transition into university.

They also help foster a strong sense of community through social events and cultural activities, as well as practical support too.

The Students’ Union

Our Students’ Union is at the heart of the Cardiff student experience. It’s a student-led and independent part of the University, dedicated to making your time with us the best it can be.

Built on the foundation of inclusion, diversity, personal development and friendship, the Students’ Union runs a range of activities and services to help enhance your Cardiff University experience.

These include advice, training, skills development, entertainment, volunteering opportunities and employment throughout your time at Cardiff and to prepare you for a career after university.

Find out more . . .

Accommodation

For further information please visit our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences

You can also watch our residences film online at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxzX-dYlfB8

Students’ Union

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The School is based at the University's Heath Park Campus.

The Heath Park Campus shares a 53-acre site with the University Hospital of Wales, a 900-bed hospital which is one of the largest in the UK.

Key

-  School of Dentistry
-  University and NHS buildings
-  Student residences

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Get them answered at:

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Want to know more about life at
Cardiff University? Our student
bloggers are recording their
experiences and are happy to
answer your questions.

Our student bloggers are real
students studying on a range of
courses. They are here to answer
any questions you have about life at
Cardiff University. What's a typical
day like? What clubs and societies
are there? Is Cardiff's music
scene any good? It can be almost
anything.

