
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

MChD Periodontics and Oral Medicine (10252040)

Minimum duration of study 4 years

Total credits 480

Admission requirements

Each candidate for admission to the study for the MChD degree programme must:

- either hold the BChD degree of the University of Pretoria or an equivalent qualification, or be admitted to master's degree studies in terms of the stipulations of General Regulations G.1.3 and G.62;
- be registered as a dentist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa in the category Independent Practice.

Examinations and pass requirements

Examination in the basic subjects

A student must pass all the basic subjects [University of Pretoria or the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa] before he or she may be admitted to the first year of study. Refer to regulation D3(b)(iii).

Examination and evaluation in the major subject

Admission to the examination in the major subject is determined by the head of department.

- i. The final exit examination of the major subjects will be administered by the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa. Only candidates who have met all the requirements for the MChD degree except for the major subject (final examination), i.e. passed all the prerequisite subjects; completed all applicable training as prescribed by the Head of Department concerned; and completed the required research component for the degree, will be allowed to write the College examination (exit examination) after which they will obtain both the College qualification and the MChD as specialist qualifications.
- ii. The student must submit and pass a dissertation on an approved topic related to the major subject and submit a manuscript for publication as required.
- iii. Costs or fees for any examination(s) and registration at the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa have to be met by the student.

Also consult the General Regulations.

i. **Examinations in the basic and subsidiary subjects (with the exception of KGM 803):**

- a. A student must pass these subjects prior to admission to the examination in the major subject. A minimum of at least 50% is required to pass.
- b. Examinations in the basic and subsidiary subjects must be passed before the end of the third year of study, or at a time as determined by the relevant head of department.

ii. **Examinations in the major subject:** Admission to the examination in the major subject is determined by



the relevant head of department.

- iii. If a student fails one or more of the basic subjects, subsidiary subjects or the major subject, the relevant head of department may recommend to the examination moderating meeting, that he or she be admitted to a supplementary examination. A student who has been admitted to a second examination in a basic subject must write the examination during the next examination period. Second examinations in the major subject may only take place after a minimum period of six months has elapsed since the examination in which the student failed.

NB:

- a. In view of the fact that a postgraduate student may repeat an examination in any subject only once, a student who fails a second examination will have to discontinue the programme. In this event, a student who has been holding a registrarship, will have to vacate the position as soon as possible after one calendar month's notice to the University of Pretoria and/or other recognised training institution, where applicable.
- b. If a student is admitted to a second examination in the major subject, the relevant head of department will determine whether he/she has to vacate the registrarship at the end of the training period, or immediately after the second examination.
- iv. **Subminimum:** In order to pass in the major subject a student must obtain a subminimum of 50% in all the sections of the examination, with a final mark of at least 50%.
- v. The stipulations of the General Regulations are applicable with regard to attendance courses.
- vi. In addition to the stipulations already mentioned, a dissertation on a topic related to the major subject must also be submitted. In order to pass in the final examination, a pass mark must also be obtained for the dissertation.

Exemption

Exemption may be granted by the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department by virtue of comparable training and/or experience in terms of the requirements of School Regulations, with the proviso that exemption from the examination and evaluation in the major subject may not be granted.

Please note: The regulations of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, as published in the Government Gazette No. 4631 of 11 January 1991 – Notice No. R.40 (as amended), will be used as a criterion in determining the period of exemption.

Pass with distinction

A student who obtains a final mark of at least 75% (with the first attempt) in the major subject qualifies to obtain the degree with distinction.

An MChD student, who has obtained at least 75% with the first attempt in both his major subject and the dissertation, will receive the degree with distinction.



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Anatomy 873 (ANA 873)

Module credits	36.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomy
Period of presentation	Year

General pathology 808 (APA 808)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomical Pathology
Period of presentation	Year

Ethics and human rights 800 (EHR 800)

Module credits	0.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Dentistry
Period of presentation	Year

Pharmacology 870 (FAR 870)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Pharmacology
Period of presentation	Year

Physiology 806 (FSG 806)

Module credits	36.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Physiology



Period of presentation Year

Oral biology 800 (MDB 800)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Oral Pathology and Oral Biology

Period of presentation Year

Oral pathology 803 (MPG 803)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Oral Pathology and Oral Biology

Period of presentation Year

Orthodontics 800 (ORD 800)

Module credits 36.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 15 discussion classes

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Orthodontics

Period of presentation Year

Dissertation: Periodontics and oral medicine 891 (PDL 891)

Module credits 180.00

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Periodontics and Oral Medicine

Period of presentation Year

Periodontics and oral medicine 802 (PMG 802)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 seminar per week, 2 practicals per week, 2 discussion classes per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Periodontics and Oral Medicine



Period of presentation	Year
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Prosthodontics 802 (PRD 802)

Module credits	24.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Department	Prosthodontics
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Period of presentation	Year
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Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802)

Module credits	0.00
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Department	Health Sciences Deans Office
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Period of presentation	Year
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Module content

*Attendance module only.



Curriculum: Year 2

Core modules

Anatomy 873 (ANA 873)

Module credits	36.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomy
Period of presentation	Year

General pathology 808 (APA 808)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomical Pathology
Period of presentation	Year

Ethics and human rights 800 (EHR 800)

Module credits	0.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Dentistry
Period of presentation	Year

Pharmacology 870 (FAR 870)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Pharmacology
Period of presentation	Year

Physiology 806 (FSG 806)

Module credits	36.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Physiology



Period of presentation Year

Oral biology 800 (MDB 800)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Oral Pathology and Oral Biology

Period of presentation Year

Oral pathology 803 (MPG 803)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Oral Pathology and Oral Biology

Period of presentation Year

Orthodontics 800 (ORD 800)

Module credits 36.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 15 discussion classes

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Orthodontics

Period of presentation Year

Dissertation: Periodontics and oral medicine 891 (PDL 891)

Module credits 180.00

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Periodontics and Oral Medicine

Period of presentation Year

Periodontics and oral medicine 802 (PMG 802)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 seminar per week, 2 practicals per week, 2 discussion classes per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Periodontics and Oral Medicine



Period of presentation	Year
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Prosthodontics 802 (PRD 802)

Module credits	24.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Department	Prosthodontics
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Period of presentation	Year
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Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802)

Module credits	0.00
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Department	Health Sciences Deans Office
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Period of presentation	Year
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Module content

*Attendance module only.



Curriculum: Year 3

Core modules

Oral pathology 803 (MPG 803)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Oral Pathology and Oral Biology
Period of presentation	Year

Dissertation: Periodontics and oral medicine 891 (PDL 891)

Module credits	180.00
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Periodontics and Oral Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Periodontics and oral medicine 802 (PMG 802)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 seminar per week, 2 practicals per week, 2 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Periodontics and Oral Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802)

Module credits	0.00
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Health Sciences Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Attendance module only.



Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Dissertation: Periodontics and oral medicine 891 (PDL 891)

Module credits	180.00
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Periodontics and Oral Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Periodontics and oral medicine 802 (PMG 802)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 seminar per week, 2 practicals per week, 2 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Periodontics and Oral Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802)

Module credits	0.00
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Health Sciences Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

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The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.