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School of Dentistry

Admissions Policy for Undergraduate Programmes

Appendix 2

Diploma in Higher Education

Dental Hygiene (B750)

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SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN HIGHER EDUCATION DENTAL HYGIENE (B750) PROGRAMME OFFERED BY CARDIFF UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

1.1 DENTAL HYGIENE

The School of Dentistry offers:

B750 Diploma in Higher Education Dental Hygiene (2 years)

This is a full time programme lasting two academic years.

1.2 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants are expected to have a good understanding of the remit of the dental hygienist.

All applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs/IGCSEs (or their equivalent). The minimum acceptable grade for GCSE /IGCSE being grade C unless stated otherwise. These GCSEs/IGCSEs must include:

GCSE/IGCSE English or Welsh First Language grade B or above

All applicants must also either have:-

Two A-levels at grade C or above with one subject in Biology or Human Biology

OR

A recognised Dental Nurse qualification plus one A-level in Biology or Human Biology at a minimum of grade C

3.2. i ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The programme is delivered and examined in English therefore there are requirements for proficiency in English language to be demonstrated at application (section 1.4 below).

1.3 IMPORTANT DATES

1.3. i RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

All applications must be received via UCAS by the 15th January. Late applications are not accepted.

1.3. ii INVITATIONS FOR INTERVIEWS

Applicants' who successfully come through the pre-selection process will be notified of such at least 2 weeks before the interview dates.

Applicants must attend at the given interview time; alternative times or dates are not possible.

1.3. iii CONFIRMATION OF OFFERS

Applicants who are successful at interview are generally notified with a period of 10 working days from the last interview date.

1.3. iv REJECTIONS

a. PRE-SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants who are unsuccessful in the pre-selection process are notified as soon as possible through UCAS.

b. AFTER INTERVIEW

Applicants who are unsuccessful at interview are generally notified within a period of 10 working days following the last interview date.

1.3. v HEALTH CHECKS AND CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

Successful applicants will be required to undergo a Health Check and complete a Disclosure and Barring Service check. These must be completed and returned within the specified time frame before successful interview applicants will be allowed to enrol. Further details can be found in UG Admissions Policy - General Information UG Programmes Section 1.17 Other Entry Conditions.

1.4 ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must possess an acceptable English Language qualification

The following qualifications satisfy the minimum requirement: GCE O Level, or GCSE: English or Welsh Language	Grade B
GCE O Level (1119)	Grade B4
IELTS	An average score of 7.0 or above (with a minimum of 7.0 in speaking, 6.5 in listening, 6.5 in reading and 6.5 in writing)
Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)	Overall score 67 or above, minimum borderline in each skill
CAE If taken after Jan 2015	Overall score of 185 with no component less than 176
Certificate in Attainment in English (ULEAC)	Level 6 or higher
International Baccalaureate: Syllabus A1 or A2 (Higher or Standard)	Grade 5 or higher
International Baccalaureate: Syllabus B (Higher)	Grade 6 or higher
European Baccalaureate: English as First Language (L2 / L2A)	8.0 out of 10 (80%) or higher
Irish Leaving Certificate English	Grade A at Ordinary Level
Scottish Standard Level English	Grade 2
Hong Kong Certificate of Extended Education (HKCEE) English	Grade 4
South African National Senior Certificate English	Grade 6
Test in English for Educational Purposes (TEEP)	Band score of 7.0
Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	Score 90
Pearson Test of English Academic	Overall score of 68 with minimum 61 in each skill

1.5 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY TO DIPLOMA IN DENTAL HYGIENE (B750); UK BASED EXAMINATIONS

A-levels

Minimum two A-levels at grade C or above including one in Biology or Human Biology.

OR

A recognised Dental Nurse qualification at Level 3 PASS plus one A-level in Biology or Human Biology at a minimum of grade C.

General studies and Critical thinking are not considered suitable A levels for either of the programmes.

Where a grade A in the Extended Project Qualification is presented a typical offer will be CD.

GCSEs/IGCSEs

At least five GCSEs/IGCSEs with minimum acceptable grades being grade C, however, they must include GCSE/IGCSE English or Welsh First Language at Grade B or above.

Access to Higher Education

Science based programme (with Biology or Human Biology).

60 credit pass required including 45 credits at level 3 (with 30 credits at merit and 15 at distinction).

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate

1 A-level at grade C in Biology or Human Biology plus the Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate to be achieved with an overall grade C in the core.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

A minimum of 30 points to include 5 points in Higher Level Biology or Human Biology and 4 points in Standard level English Language **(if not passed at GCSE/IGCSE grade B).**

Scottish Highers

CCCC at Higher including Biology or Human Biology plus English Language at Grade **B**.

Scottish Advanced Highers

CC at Advanced Highers to include Biology or Human Biology.

Irish Leaving Certificate

CCCCC2 at Higher including Biology or Human Biology plus English Language at Grade **B2**.

Degrees

A minimum of 2:2 Honours classification.

In addition, school leaving qualifications are taken into account and a minimum of C grades (to include Biology or Human Biology) at A-level is required.

N.B. For information regarding funding, please check with the relevant funding body.

BTEC Qualifications

Only applicants taking the BTEC Extended Diploma in Applied Science (Medical) to include Biology or Human Biology will be considered. DMM grades required.

If you require further information on equivalents, please contact the Admissions Officer.

Resit Students

Resit applicants are considered.

Overseas Applicants

Not Accepted.

We will consider other national and international qualifications on an individual basis. Please contact to discuss any potential application.

1.6 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY TO DIPLOMA IN DENTAL HYGIENE; Non-UK BASED EXAMINATIONS

Country	Qualification	AAA equivalent
Austria	Reifeprüfungszeugnis/Maturazeugnis, grading 1-5 with 1 being the highest	1.4 overall
Belgium	Certificat D'Enseignement Secondaire, grading 1-10, with 10 being the highest; Superieur/Diploma van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs 1-20 with 20 being the highest	Certificat : 8/10 or Diploma : 16/20
Bulgaria	Diploma za Zavarsheno Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education), grading 2-6 with 6 being the highest	5.5 overall (including at least 2 state maturity exams)
Croatia	Svjedodzba o Maturi (Matura Certificate), grading 1-5 with 5 being the highest	5 overall
Cyprus	Apolytirion (School Leaving Certificate), grading 1-20, with 20 being the highest	18/20 + AA at A level, or a foundation year/Access Diploma
Czech Republic	Maturitní Zkouška, grading 1-5 with 1 being the highest	1 overall
Denmark	Bevis for Studentereksamen, grading -3-12 with 12 being the highest	10 overall to Include 2 Level A subjects at grade 12
Estonia	Riigieksamitunnistus (National (State) Examination Certificate), assessment on 100 point scale Gümnaasiumilõputunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate), grading 1-5, with 5 being the highest	Overall average score of at least 4.5 (including at least 3 state exams) with scores of 90% in 5 individual subjects
Finland	Ylioppilastutkinto / Studentexamen (matriculation examination), grading 0-7 (please note 1 is not used)	7 Laudatur overall
France	Baccalauréat (General or OIB options), grading 0-20 with 20 being the highest	15 overall
Germany	Abitur, grading 1-6, with 1 being the highest	1.4 overall

Greece	Apolytirion of Geniko Lykeio, grading 1-20 with 20 being the highest	19 overall with Pan-Hellenic Examinations
Hungary	Erettsegi/Matura, grading at school from 1-5 with 5 being the highest, 100 point scale for maturity exams	5 final (standard or higher) examination subjects taken in grade 12 with an overall average of 5
Italy	Esame di Stato, grading 60-100 with 100 being the highest	93 overall
Latvia	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu (Certificate of General Secondary Education), grading 1-10 at school, for state exams A-F till 2012, and 1-100 percentage scores from 2012/3.	Atestats with 9 + at least a foundation/Access year or one year of undergraduate study at a Latvian university
Lithuania	Brandos Atestatas (Maturity Certificate), grading 1-10 at school, 1-100 for state exams	9 overall in the school exams to include at least 3 state level examinations
Luxembourg	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires, grading 1-60 with 60 being the highest	47 overall
Malta	Matriculation Certificate (Advanced Level), grading GCE examinations and all other UK examinations taken in Malta are marked as in the UK, The Matriculation Certificate Examination at Advanced and Intermediate levels offered by the University of Malta is graded A-E, with A being the highest	A in 2 advanced level subjects plus A in 3 intermediate level subjects
Netherlands	Diploma Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO), grading 1-10 with 10 being the highest	8 overall
Poland	Matura, grading 1-100 percentage stage	85 % overall to include at least three subjects at extended level
Portugal	Diploma de Ensino Secundario (previously known as Certificado do 12 ano), grading 0-20 with 20 being the highest	18 overall
Romania	Diploma de Bacalaureat, grading 1-10 with 10 being the highest	9 overall
Slovakia	Vysvedcenie Maturitnej Skuske/Maturita, grading 1-5 with 1 being the highest	1 overall
Slovenia	Spričevalo o splošni maturi (General Matura Certificate) grading 1-5 with 5 being the highest	4.5 overall
Spain	Titulo de Bachiller, grading 0-10 with 10 being the highest	8.5 overall

Sweden

Swedish Fullstandyg Slutbetyg fran
Gymnasienskolan, grading W/F to MVG with
MVG being the highest up to 2013, and A-F
with A being the highest from 2014

2250 points with MVG or
grade A in 9 subjects