

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Faculty of Dentistry

Advanced Diploma in Orthodontics

Credit Unit Statement

The two-year part-time Advanced Diploma in Orthodontics (AdvDipOrth) is designed to enable candidates to achieve an advanced level of knowledge and competence in a branch of orthodontics. The curriculum includes advanced study and supervised clinical practice relating to diagnosis and treatment of complex dentofacial anomalies by orthodontic means in a multi-disciplinary setting with specific emphasis on the interface with maxillofacial surgery. The course/modules are assigned with credits at a multiple of 3 credits as summarized below. The curriculum includes *Discipline Specific Courses, Clinical component and Research Component*. Total contact hours and total study load have a minimum of 800 and 1800 respectively.

1. Discipline Specific Courses (9 credits per course; total contact hours: 80; total learning hours: 160)

These set of courses cover a wide variety of areas in the scope of Orthodontics. The curriculum consists of didactic and clinical components. Students will be trained to think independently and extrapolate knowledge so that they will be able to understand and communicate complex scenarios in a balanced way.

Assessment: One 3-hour written examination; no limit in number of words

2. Clinical Components (51 credits per course; total contact hours: 750; total learning hours: 1500)

The candidates will be able to diagnose complex anomalies of the dentition, facial structures and functional conditions, evaluate the need for orthodontic treatment taking into account the holistic nature of the problem, execute complex treatment procedures using fixed orthodontic appliances, and provide multidisciplinary management by collaborating with other disciplines.

Assessment: 50% portfolio and 50% presentation; no limit in number of words

3. Research Components (30 credits per course; total contact hours: 320; total learning hours: 640)

The candidate will need to design, execute and disseminate an original research project under the guidance of his supervisor. The candidate should produce a manuscript to be submitted for publication.

Assessment: Research manuscript; no limit in number of words

Capstone Experience: Portfolio of clinical work (6 credits; total contact hours: 60; total learning hours: 120)

Assessment: Clinical portfolio; no limit in number of words