

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**Faculty of Dentistry****Master of Science in Community Dentistry****Credit Unit Statement**

The one-year Master of Science in Community Dentistry [MSc(CommunityDent)] is a course of study that is designed to enable practising dentists to acquire advanced training in the theory and practice of oral epidemiology, preventive dentistry, related behavioural and social sciences, and provision of oral health care services to defined populations and communities. The course/modules are assigned with credits at a multiple of 3 credits as summarized below. The curriculum includes *Faculty Core Courses*, *General Public Health Courses*, *Community Dentistry Courses*, *Community Dentistry Practicum* and *Research project*. Total contact hours and total study load have a minimum of 480 and 1380 respectively.

1. Faculty Core Courses (3 credits per course)

These courses introduce the scientific method and aim to help students develop advanced scientific skills, including competences required to critically evaluate research outcomes as well as design and execute biomedical research. The use of the current data search strategies and information technologies will be taught and fully utilized.

Assessment: One 2-hour written paper for each course; 100% examination; no limit in number of words

2. General Public Health Courses (3 credits per course)

There are many postgraduate taught course modules (3 credits each) offered by the School of Public Health in public health practice, epidemiology, health economics and policy, and administrative medicine. Each student will be required to choose and take five of these modules.

Assessment: Refer to the information from the School of Public Health; no limit in number of words

3. Community Dentistry Courses (3-6 credits per course)

These set of courses aims to help students understand the theories and practice of community dentistry. Through active participation in the courses, students will get acquainted with the current literature and evidence base that guides the practice of community dentistry.

Assessment: One combined 3-hour written paper; 100% examination; no limit in number of words

4. Community Dentistry Practicum (12 credits)

Students are required to provide clinic-based or community-based dental care services under supervision to different population groups, including participation in outreach dental services. Organization and participation in oral health promotion activities is also part of the programme.

Assessment: 100% continuous assessment; no limit in number of words

5. Capstone Experience: Research Project (9 credits)

Under the guidance of supervisors, students are required to carry out a research project, involving collection of relevant information or original data and data analysis, and to submit a dissertation, research paper or project report in a publication format.

Assessment: 70% Dissertation and 30% oral examination; no limit in number of words