



## Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene

### Clinical Requirements for Dental Hygiene Course

This document presents the clinical requirements expected from the dental hygiene clinical students. The Faculty departments have outlined these minimum requirements, and where applicable, have also set out recommendations for the first year of clinical practice, that is, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the programme of studies.

It should be noted that if one does not meet the recommended cases for the particular year, the procedures can be completed in the following year (s). However, it is suggested that students follow these recommendations closely, as they will help achieve the final requirements.

The **final requirements** (listed under 3<sup>rd</sup> year) are **cumulative across all clinical years**, and their submission prior to sitting for the exit examinations is **obligatory**. Students will be required to submit these requirements at least **15 calendar days** prior to the commencement of the June examination session, as established by the University Senate.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Faculty of Dental Surgery, University of Malta, will adhere to the following rules:

1. **Clinical Settings:** Only clinical requirements completed within settings administered or approved by the Faculty of Dental Surgery will be accepted.
  2. **Verification:** Listed clinical requirements will be checked against online logbook entries. Students:
    - i) are required to upload all their clinical activities to the online grading system, and
    - ii) must provide a list of entries from the online grading system as per clinical requirements.
  3. **Unverified Requirements:** Requirements not documented by online entries will not be approved and will be considered invalid.
  4. **Submission of Requirements:** The Faculty will provide the official spreadsheets for listing the clinical requirements and associated logbook entries. The submission deadline will depend on the semester dates and will be communicated in advance but will be **no later than 15 calendar days prior to the commencement of the June examination session**.
  5. **Examination Eligibility:** Students who fail to meet the listed requirements will be withdrawn from examinations.
  6. **Examination Assessments:** Clinical requirements are **not a substitute** for examination assessments as listed in the methods of assessment for individual study units or in other documentation provided by the respective Departments within the Faculty.
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## Preventive Dentistry

By the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> year, it is **RECOMMENDED** to have completed:

- i. **Diet Chart** assessments x 4 cases
- ii. **Fluoride** application x 6 cases
- iii. **Fissure sealant** application x 3 cases
- iv. **Outreach/MDU** visits x 5 sessions
- v. **Oral hygiene advice to Special Needs Patient** x 2 cases
- vi. **Dietary advice to Special Needs Patient** x 2 cases
- vii. **Fluoride Application to Special Needs Patient** x 2 cases
- viii. 6-weekly reviews of **Orthodontic patient** x 2 cases
- ix. **PMPR to Special Needs Patient** x 2 cases

By the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> year, the **REQUIREMENTS** include:

- i. **Diet Chart** assessments x 15 cases
  - ii. **Fluoride** application x 20 cases
  - iii. **Fissure sealant** application x 6 cases
  - iv. **Outreach/MDU** visits x 10 sessions
  - v. **Oral hygiene advice to Special Needs Patient** x 4 cases
  - vi. **Dietary advice to Special Needs Patient** x 4 cases
  - vii. **Fluoride Application to Special Needs Patient** x 4 cases
  - viii. 6-weekly reviews of **Orthodontic patient** x 4 cases
  - ix. **PMPR to Special Needs Patient** x 4 cases
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## Periodontics

**By the end of 2nd year, it is RECOMMENDED to have completed:**

- i. Carried out a comprehensive periodontal assessment including radiographs of 6 patients
- ii. 10 x 6 Point pocket charts (initial assessment or reassessment)
- iii. Given Oral hygiene advice to 8 patients (step 1 therapy)
- iv. Provided PMPR to 8 patients (Supra gingival debridement)
- v. Started step 2 therapy (subgingival instrumentation) on at least 10 patients with moderate/severe disease (stage II periodontitis or above)

**By the end of 3rd year, the REQUIREMENTS include:**

- i. Given Oral hygiene advice to 20 patients (step 1 therapy)
  - ii. Carried out a comprehensive periodontal assessment including radiographs of 15 patients.
  - iii. Provided PMPR (Supra gingival debridement) to at least 15 patients
  - iv. Completed step 2 therapy and reassessed at least 20 patients with moderate/severe disease (stage II periodontitis or above)
  - v. Seen 6 patients for step 4 therapy (SPT). These patients could be either the student's patients that have successfully completed step 2 therapy or additional patients that have been seen for  $\geq 4$  visits of supportive periodontal therapy (maintenance) including a reassessment.
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## Final Portfolio, as part of ORC3106: Patient-Based Learning

Details on submitting the final portfolio for ORC3106 should be accessed through the student resources link:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/ds/students/>