



Master of Dental Surgery Clinical Requirements

This document outlines the clinical requirements expected of MDS clinical students. The four departments have defined these minimum requirements, and where applicable, have also set out recommendations for the first (3rd) and second (4th) years.

It should be noted that if a student does not meet the recommended cases for the particular year, the procedures can be completed in the subsequent years. However, students are strongly advised to follow these recommendations closely, as they will help achieve the final requirements.

The **final requirements** (listed under 5th 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 **Examination Eligibility:** Students who fail to meet the listed requirements will be withdrawn from examinations in accordance with MDS course regulations 10.2 and 10.3.
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.

Department of ORAL MEDICINE, SURGERY AND PATHOLOGY

By **the end of** the 5th year, the **REQUIREMENTS** include:

- 10 complete medical histories, extraoral and intraoral examination and diagnostic tests (when necessary) of oral medicine patients;
- 60 extractions;
- 2 visits to pathology (1 to cutting and 1 to interdisciplinary meeting);
- 2 general anaesthesia sessions.
- Assisting two oral surgery procedures.
- 1 case report. For the avoidance of doubt, the case report should be based on a **patient treated within clinical settings administered or approved** by the Faculty of Dental Surgery, University of Malta.

Department of Child Dental Health and Orthodontics

Child Dental Health:

By **the end of** 3rd year, it is **recommended** to have completed:

- 4 Fissure sealants
- 1 Preventive resin restoration
- 1 composite resin/compomer restoration on a primary molar
- 1 Pulpotomy in a primary molar carried out clinically on a child patient.

By **the end of** 4th year, it is **recommended** to have completed:

- 8 Fissure Sealants
- 4 Preventive Resin Restorations
- 2 Pulpotomies
- 2 Pulpectomies
- 4 Composite/Compomer Restorations - Primary Molars
- 2 Incisor Composite Build-Up Restorations

By the **end of the 5th Year**, the **Requirements** are the completion of comprehensive care for **four (4)** child patients (0 – 16 years).

Child Dental Health Case Report:

Any of the above four cases is to be presented as a Case Report. For the avoidance of doubt, the case report should be based on a **patient treated within clinical settings administered or approved** by the Faculty of Dental Surgery, University of Malta.

By the **end of the 5th Year**, it is **recommended** that the following be completed:

- 16 Fissure Sealants
- 7 Preventive resin restorations
- 5 Pulpotomies
- 4 Pulpectomies
- 2 Stainless steel crowns
- 10 Composite/ Compomer restorations on primary molars
- 2 Incisor Composite build-up restorations

Orthodontics

By the end of 5th year, the **REQUIREMENTS** include:

- Orthodontic Consultations (5 consultations)

Students will be expected to keep a logbook with a **minimum** of 5 first-time orthodontic patient assessments as a compulsory part of these study units over the three clinical years of study.

- Completed Orthodontic Cases (2 cases)

Students are also expected to assess and complete the treatment of a **minimum** of 2 removable appliance cases.

- Orthodontic Case Report:

Each student is to submit a Case Report reflecting a patient case completed during orthodontic clinical sessions. For the avoidance of doubt, the case report should be based on a **patient treated within clinical settings administered or approved** by the Faculty of Dental Surgery, University of Malta.

- Record of Cases Observed during Orthodontic Sessions within the Dental Department (MDH)

Department of Oral Rehabilitation and Community Care

Prosthodontics

By **the end of 3rd year**, it is **recommended** to have completed:

- I. 2 Complete dentures cases

By **the end of 4th year**, it is **recommended** to have completed:

- I. 2 complete dentures case,
- II. 2 partial acrylic dentures case,
- III. 1 cast partial denture or 1 immediate denture or 1 overdenture.

By **the end of 5th year**, the **REQUIREMENTS** include:

- I. 6 cases of complete dentures
 - II. 2 cast partial denture cases
 - III. 4 acrylic partial denture cases
 - IV. 1 immediate denture case.
 - V. 1 overdenture case.
 - VI. 5 Crown and Bridge cases. This should include at least 5 prepared abutment units. (Pontic units are not considered as part of the requirements)
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Preventive Dentistry

By **the end of 3rd year**, it is **recommended** to have completed:

- I. **Diet Chart** assessments x 4 cases
- II. **Fluoride** application x 6 cases
- III. **Outreach/MDU** visits x 5 sessions

By **the end of 4th year**, it is **recommended** to have completed:

- I. **Diet Chart** assessments x 6 cases
- II. **Fluoride** application x 8 cases
- III. **Outreach/MDU** visits x 5 sessions

By **the end of 5th year**, the **REQUIREMENTS** include:

- I. **Diet Chart** assessments x 15 cases
- II. **Fluoride** application x 20 cases
- III. **Outreach/MDU** visits x 12 sessions

NB: Fissure sealants requirements are outlined under Child Dental Health section

Department of Oral Rehabilitation and Community Care

Periodontics

By **the end of 3rd year**, it is **recommended** to have completed:

- I. 6 x 6 Point pocket charts
- II. Given Oral hygiene advice to 12 patients
- III. Supra gingival debridement +/- polish on 12 patients
- IV. Started treatment of advanced disease on at least 1 patient

By **the end of 4th year**, it is **recommended** to have completed:

- I. Completed full initial treatment (OHI, full mouth RSD in ≥ 4 visits & reassessment) on **4** patients with moderate/severe disease *
- II. **6** partially treated cases (less Tx required, Tx in progress/ not completed)

By **the end of 5th year**, the **REQUIREMENTS** include:

- I. Completed full initial treatment (OHI, full mouth RSD in ≥ 4 visits & reassessment) on **2** additional patients with moderate/severe disease *
- II. **4** additional partially treated cases (less tx required, tx in progress/ not completed)

* can also be ≥ 6 visits of supportive periodontal therapy (maintenance) for a patient, with one visit being a reassessment.

N.B. By the end of 5th year:

- I. **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS** of 5 full cases and 8 partial cases
 - II. Ideally the student completes the recommended number of cases of 6 full cases and 10 partial cases.
 - III. 6 x 6 Point pocket charts
 - IV. Oral Hygiene advice to 20 patients
 - V. Supragingival debridement +/- polish on 20 patients
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ORCC/ Restorative Case Report:

- Restorative/Oral Rehabilitation combined Case Report

For the avoidance of doubt, the case report should be based on a **patient treated within clinical settings administered or approved** by the Faculty of Dental Surgery, University of Malta.

Department of Restorative Dentistry

By the **end of 5th year** students are required to have completed:

- **130 direct restorations** (inclusive of anterior and posterior restorations)
- **12 completed root canal treatments**, with at least 5 on molar teeth***

- Restorative/Oral Rehabilitation combined Case Report
For the avoidance of doubt, the case report should be based on a **patient treated within clinical settings administered or approved** by the Faculty of Dental Surgery, University of Malta.

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