

## **Course Structure**

The course is currently being run at two locations in Manchester and London and although there are different tutors and course directors, the course syllabus and requirements are the same. You are expected to attend a contact learning session every six weeks which breaks down as an evening for tutor group discussion and then a following full day of lectures and practicals.

Manchester course: Thursday evenings from 5.30 - 8.30 and the consecutive Friday from 9-5

London course: Friday evenings from 5.30 – 8.30 and the consecutive Saturday from 9-5

## **What modules can I do?**

The course includes six compulsory modules; introduction, occlusion, operative dentistry, fixed and removable prosthodontics, periodontics and endodontics. You may then select one of the following for your special interest module, periodontics, endodontics or aesthetics.

## **Is this a route to specialist training?**

No. The Specialist Dental Education Board is looking at the alternative routes to specialist training and they are likely to look at recognising the existing skills acquired through formal training. The Diploma in Restorative Dentistry is one of the courses being considered as a model for future training.

## **Is this course registered?**

No. The GDC has recently put a moratorium on all future qualifications and future registrants. At present the whole debate has been widened and the GDC is asking for comments with an opportunity to respond to their consultation paper. The moratorium continues until the responses are analysed and debated, at present even the new MJDF and MFDS are not registerable.

## **Workload**

### **How much work does this course entail?**

The course is set at Masters level and we expect students to attend all units, and complete all assessments. The course is a total of 1200 hours of learning, which includes assignments, multiple short answers based on five journal papers and clinical case presentation, but it is a big commitment so please bear this in mind when applying for the course.

### **How many assignments do I have to do?**

There are 14 assignments throughout the two years and each assignment relates to a face to face unit. The titles are given out at each unit and are due in at the next unit.

### **How many clinical cases do I need to do?**

You will have 20 mini cases to complete and then 10 full clinical cases – 4 of these will be chosen to present at the final assessment.

### **When do I need to do them by?**

You are encouraged to start compiling cases at the beginning of the course although this will depend on your experience and competency. You have the option of presenting the 4 cases at the end of the two years although you have two years after the end of the course to complete them if necessary. There is a further year, in exceptional circumstances, which is given to those candidates who write in for an extension.

## **Clinical Support**

### **Do I get any clinical guidance outside of the contact learning units?**

Yes. You are assigned to a tutor, in small groups of 5-6, and this tutor will be a clinical support to you throughout the programme.

### **How will my tutor be chosen?**

We try to assign participants to tutors in their local area.

**What can I expect from my tutor?**

Your tutor will be an experienced dentist and is likely to have completed the course, or have extensive skills in the restorative field. They are aware of the challenges that face you and will be able to advise you on the treatment planning for all your current cases, with the intention of helping you complete your 10 cases and select 4 successful cases for the final exam.

**Can I visit my tutor at his/her practice to get some experience?**

This must be arranged directly between you and your tutor, and is outside the scope of the course.

**When does a tutor see my cases?**

The tutors are available at each unit and are contactable by email in between units. They will also be able to plot your progress by means of an e-PDP.

**Various****Who will be lecturing me?**

You will be lectured by a number of different subject matter experts. There will be internal and external lecturers which are listed on the prospectus.

**What equipment do I need to bring into the course?**

You will be told in advance of any requirements for the study days

**Are the practical sessions assessed?**

Yes. You have to satisfactorily complete each practical session demonstrating that you have developed the appropriate skills.

**Can I miss a contact learning unit?**

You are advised to attend every unit but if you cannot attend you must inform your tutor and the Faculty as soon as possible. Another date will be arranged as quickly as possible for you to re-attend the unit, possibly on another cohort or venue.

**How do I pay my fees?**

You pay the registration fee of £2,995 along with the first instalment before the beginning of the course. There are six instalments throughout the two years and the amount which will depend on your status as an FGDP(UK) member.

**I have only completed part one of the MFGDP(UK)/MJDF(UK), can I still apply?**

Yes. This qualification is desirable but not essential.

**Can I apply for the Manchester course and transfer to the London course?**

No. This option is not available.

**Please direct any further questions to the education department.**