



Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK)
The Royal College of Surgeons of England

FAQs for the FGDP(UK) Diploma in Implant Dentistry

Is this course registered?

This is one of two registered Diploma courses in the UK. The Faculty had a recent visit from the GDC and their report has been put on their website. The GDC has recently put a moratorium on all future qualifications and future registrants. This matter is under discussion.

Workload

How much work does this course entail?

The course is set at Masters level and we expect students to attend all units, complete the distance learning, practice visit and 8 cases. There is a large amount of work, particularly for non-implant experienced students, 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. The titles are given out at the bottom of each programme and they are due in by the next unit. You will need to email them to the Faculty in PDF format by the Friday of the next unit.

How many clinical cases do I need to do?

You need to complete 8 cases within the three specified types of implant;

a) Single tooth replacement, b) Multiple units within a stable inter-maxillary relationship, c) Fixed full arch restoration.

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 8 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, a total of five from the start of the course, which is given to those candidates who write in for an extension.

Advanced Certificate

What is the Advanced Certificate?

This is a further qualification which is given to those students who want to present two bone graft cases alongside their 8 cases. There is no additional learning necessary for this certificate as it is recognition of those students who can complete bone grafts competently.

Do I have to do bone grafts?

No. You are taught how to do bone grafts, bone expansion, sinus lifts etc on the course but you do not need to submit a bone graft case for the final exam. You can complete the diploma without submitting a bone graft case.

Practice Accreditation

What is the practice visit?

This is a 2-3 hour inspection of your practice by two trained assessors. You will be asked to complete a Practice Accreditation Document which contains 260 questions covering all areas of your practice. You will be asked to ensure that key members of your staff are present and they will be asked to perform a draping and gowning exercise with you.

When can I expect to have the visit?

You will have the visit hopefully early during the two years of the course and the date will be arranged directly between you and the assessors. Once the date has been set you cannot cancel or re-arrange it, if you do cancel the date you will be charged for the assessors time.

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. You are also asked to match up with another participant, it is recommended that they are local to your area, and they will act as your peer mentor.

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 is an experienced implantologist who has already completed the course. They are aware of the challenges that face you and will be able to advise you on the treatment planning for your current cases, with the intention of helping you complete 8 successful cases for the final exam.

What can I expect from my peer mentor?

You are expected to discuss your cases with your peer mentor and get their advice and approval of your actions. You are, in return, expected to do the same for your peer mentor and spend time discussing their cases and their treatment plan.

Each case will then have a clinical logbook which will need to document your discussion with your peer mentor, and discuss with your local course tutor, prior to approval each stage of the treatment.

What is the clinical logbook?

This document is a checklist for each case to ensure that each stage has been discussed and approved by your peer mentor and tutor. You cannot submit a case at the end of the course, which has not had a completed clinical logbook.

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

Yes. This must be arranged directly between you and your tutor.

When does a tutor see my cases?

The tutors are available over the two contact learning days and are contactable by email in between units. The cases are assessed throughout their development and you need to get each stage signed off by your peer mentor and tutor.

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 are asked to bring the following list of basic surgical kit to each unit;

Scalpel	No.15 blade	2x periosteal elevators	Periodontal probe	Tweezers	Suture
Scissors	Suture forceps	Tissue forceps	Surgical gloves	Surgical gloves	
Cumine scaler	Luxator or bone chisels	Vicryl sutures – 3/0 vicryl W9741, 4/0 vicryl 9443			
Upper root extraction forceps		Bendable probe (dycal applicator)			
Protective glasses or magnification loops					

How many units are in Germany?

There are three units in Germany over the duration of the course. You will have two units on Tübingen, one at the start of the course and one at the end. There is one unit in Frankfurt, in the middle of the course, which is run in two small groups of 15-17 people.

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. You may miss up to three units before being formally approached by the implant Executive Committee.

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