

# Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting

## (1-year Full-time) (2-year Part-time Day Release)

### I. What is a Dental Surgery Assistant?

A Dental Surgery Assistant is a very important member of the dental team, who assists the dentist at the chairside with the care of patients before, during and after treatment. His/Her attitude can make a tremendous difference to how a patient accepts the treatment and how he/she helps the dentist achieve the set goals.

### II. Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting

This course provides both basic theory training and clinical practice for Student Dental Surgery Assistants. In the academic year 2019/20, the Hospital will enrol eligible local students to its one-year full-time and two-year part-time day release training courses leading to the award of Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting.

### III. Aim

To prepare the student be competent in providing assistance to the members of dental team.

### IV. Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

After completing the training course, students should be able to:

- (1) Assist the dentist at the chairside with the care of patients before, during and after treatment;
- (2) Apply knowledge of infection control in the maintenance of environments, instruments and equipment in the dental clinic; and
- (3) Provide dental health education to the patients for prevention of dental diseases, e.g. caries, periodontal diseases and erosion.

## **V. Qualities of a Dental Surgery Assistant**

- (1) Optimistic and sociable
- (2) Cheerful with a ready smile
- (3) Accommodating, sympathetic and understanding
- (4) With common sense
- (5) With initiative
- (6) With good communication skill
- (7) Able to perform as a team player
- (8) Reliable
- (9) Flexible
- (10) With neat professional appearance

## **VI. Course Structure**

- (1) Lectures will mainly cover the following areas:-
  - i. Occupational health and safety
  - ii. Infection control
  - iii. Medical emergencies (including first aid)
  - iv. Anatomy and physiology
  - v. Microbiology and immunology
  - vi. Dental diseases – cause, diagnosis and prevention
  - vii. Dental treatment procedures
  - viii. Dental technology
  - ix. Communication skill
  - x. English
- (2) Observation or practical chair-side assisting for different specialties:-
  - i. Reception and Primary Care
  - ii. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
  - iii. Diagnostic Imaging
  - iv. Paediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics
  - v. Endodontics
  - vi. Implant Dentistry
  - vii. Periodontology
  - viii. Prosthodontics
  - ix. Polyclinic
  - x. Central Sterile Supplies Unit
- (3) Dental Health Education Project
- (4) Visits to private dental clinics, Government Oral Health Education Unit or schools for children/ adults having special educational needs.

## VII. Mode of Teaching

Running concurrently with lectures, students will learn the procedures of all disciplines through classroom instruction, audio-visual media, small group teaching, group projects, clinical observation, demonstration and practice. All lectures, teaching, training and examinations will be conducted in **English**.

## VIII. Assessment

- (1) Continuous assessment
- (2) Charting examination
- (3) Written examination
- (4) Spotter examination (speed and perception)
- (5) Practical examination (mixing and assembling)
- (6) Viva examination

## IX. Attendance

Full-time :	Monday – Friday	8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Part-time*:	Monday – Friday	8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

\* Including full-time teaching for several weeks

All lectures, practical sessions and other class activities are mandatory.

## X. Admission Requirements

- (1) Five (5) subjects, including English Language, attaining Level 2 or above in HKDSEE\* or equivalent; ***or***

\* Apart from English Language, the other four (4) subjects could be:-

- "Attained" or above in Applied Learning (ApL) subjects [subject to a maximum of two (2) ApL subjects], or
- Grade E or above in other language subjects.

- (2) Five (5) subjects, including English Language<sup>#</sup>, attaining Grade E/ Level 2 or above in HKCEE, or equivalent; ***or***

<sup>#</sup> For English Language (Syllabus A) in pre-2007 HKCEE, only Grade C or above will be considered.

- (3) Full Project Yi Jin Certificate/ Diploma; ***or***
- (4) Aged 21 or above at the start of the commencing academic year; ***or***
- (5) Minimum one-year full-time working experience as a Dental Surgery Assistant.
- (6) Applicants for the 2-year Part-time Day Release course should be currently employed and will continue to work as a DSA if they are accepted for the course.

## **XI. Commencement Date**

22 August 2019 (tentative)

## **XII. Tuition Fee**

Full-time: HK\$28,000 per annum }  
Part-time: HK\$14,000 per annum } by two equal instalments

*(Subject to revision; and non-refundable unless the course is cancelled.)*

## **XIII. Financial Assistance**

Students may apply for the Government's "Extended Non-means-tested Loan Scheme" for loans.

## **XIV. Enquiries**

Dental Ancillary Student Affairs Office of the Hospital: 2859 0531

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