

# For future dental practitioners

THE Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry (PGDID) programme delivered by International Medical University (IMU) is Malaysia's first and the only one of its kind accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.

Since its inception in 2016, it has successfully trained two cohorts to be able to carry out safe, effective and independent implants. The programme has a unique learning model, which offers flexibility through its outcome-based modular structure delivered through blended learning. The highlight of this programme is its curriculum, which is benchmarked against Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh's Diploma in Implant Dentistry examination. This ensures students get exposure to develop their clinical skills.

The PGDID is delivered by a highly qualified and experienced faculty and has developed a special implant clinic for correct implant referrals and clinical supervision. It is specially tailored to suit practitioners with minimal to no implant dentistry experience. Coming to IMU for face-to-face teaching/learning sessions once every two months is something all students look forward to as they meet the teaching faculty for direct teaching and practical sessions.

IMU's School of Dentistry associate dean for postgraduate programmes Prof Seow Liang Lin says close clinical supervision is provided by teaching staff to ensure students obtain the required competencies to perform implant placement and restoration. For instance, one-on-one patient supervision is provided during treatment to ensure student learning is optimal. Besides the academic staff at IMU, the teaching and learning activities are also complemented with the various national and international

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speakers the university invites every now and then.

Dr Kong Siew Mii, a student from the second cohort of IMU's PGDID, says, “This is a great programme in getting you started in implant dentistry as it covers all the basics. IMU provides one of the best facilities. There are ample resources and helpful mentors to guide you through the programme.”

Another student from the same cohort, Dr Nursuriati Muhamad Zahari, says, “Studying the PGDID at IMU has been a highlight in my implantology journey. I've always loved the university environment, classes, lectures and seminars. At IMU, I was able to do and learn more with the best team of multidisciplinary specialists. It has truly been an invaluable learning experience for me and improved my knowledge in implant dentistry. To those who are beginners or already at an advanced level, this course is just the thing



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IMU is Malaysia's first and most established private medical and health sciences university, with more than 26 years of dedicated focus in healthcare education. Established in 1992, IMU pioneered the world's first Partner Medical School programme and has since gained international recognition with more than 30 world-class university partners in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland and China. IMU's main campus is

located in Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur, with branch clinical schools located in Seremban, Kuala Pilah, Batu Pahat and Kluang.

IMU offers other postgraduate programmes in fields such as public health, analytical and pharmaceutical chemistry, molecular medicine, pharmacy practice, health professions education, and diabetes management and education, as well as two by-research programmes at master's and doctorate levels.

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