

New opportunities for working dentists

It is common for individual dental practitioners to seek and obtain advanced education, experience and specific, focused competencies. With this in mind, International Medical University's (IMU) School of Dentistry will start offering two new postgraduate diploma programmes, the Postgraduate Diploma in Prosthodontics (PGDPros) and Postgraduate Diploma in Endodontics (PGDEndo) in April.

Prosthetic treatment is performed after the removal of teeth and refers to the replacement of missing teeth or related structures by artificial means, while endodontics is a treatment pertaining to saving the existing teeth from caries and pulpal infections by performing root canal treatments and related procedures.

The primary objective of the IMU PGDPros and PGDEndo is to provide dental practitioners with the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills in prosthodontics and endodontics, as well as plan and execute treatments for a range of patients with complexities ranging from minimal to moderate severity. Both programmes are designed to support the training and learning of working dental practitioners using a flexible mode of delivery and wide array of teaching methods supplemented with guidance from personal tutors. The training emphasises the provision of care based on current evidence and best practices using appropriate technologies and

specialised techniques.

The programmes cover knowledge acquisition through face-to-face and online lectures, case-based discussions, skills development through hands-on training in the simulation lab and clinical experience through patient care at the IMU Oral Health Centre, as well as at the student's own workplace. This programme aims to produce graduates who are able to coordinate a multidisciplinary approach in managing oral healthcare and provide accessible and affordable prosthetic and endodontic care. Graduates are expected to be able to update their skills through lifelong learning and share their expertise with peers.

The programmes are designed for full-time and part-time students with respective flexible options, including six modules in two semesters with a total of 30 credit hours delivered over a period of one year. The duration of each module is approximately six weeks, including one week of compulsory on-site activities at IMU's School of Dentistry.

The first cohorts for both programmes are scheduled for April. If you are interested in either of these programmes, apply online at www.imu.edu.my today. The first cohort is eligible for a bursary of RM5,000 off their total tuition.

IMU offers other postgraduate programmes, including Master in Science programmes in public health, analytical and pharmaceutical chemistry, molecular



In today's increasingly competitive world, dental professionals need to upskill themselves with further qualifications such as IMU's two postgraduate diplomas in prosthodontics and endodontics.

medicine and acupuncture, the Master of Pharmacy Practice, Postgraduate Diploma in Diabetes Management and Education, Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry, and postgraduate programmes in health professions education and business administration in healthcare management,

as well as Master in Science and PhD programmes by research.

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