1.0  THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

1.1  Undergraduate Programmes

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1.2.1  Why study Dentistry at the BUE?

The Faculty of Dentistry offers a unique programme which enables you to start practising the Dental course a year ahead than any other Dental programme in Egypt.

Not only will you develop clinical skills across the full range of dental disciplines, but you will also build the foundation of scientific knowledge on which clinical practice is based. In addition, you will appreciate the ethical and legal basis for dental practice, and acquire appropriate skills for communicating with your patients and helping them deal with what many find an anxious experience. The dentist also works as part of the dental team and you will learn about the roles and responsibilities of all members of this team and work with them in the care of your patients.

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1.2.2  WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Degree Year 1

The Preparatory year programme provides a foundation for students entering the degree programme. The focus is on the basic biomedical sciences of Anatomy, Physiology, Histology, Microbiology, and Biochemistry. In addition, students are introduced to the Para-Clinical Dental Sciences of Dental Carving and Dentition. The programme aims to develop students’ English Language and Study Skills to enable them to make a successful transition from school to university study.

Degree Year 2

This provides a continuation of your studies from degree year 1 but with the emphasis moving to the Dental and Para-Clinical Sciences. You will study Pharmacology, and General Pathology. In addition, students are introduced to the Para-Clinical Dental Sciences of Oral Biology, Dental Materials, Operative Dentistry, Removable Prosthodontics, Fixed Prosthodontics and optional modules including Computer Science, Nutrition or Dental Photography.

Degree Year 3

Students begin their pre-clinical practice in a range of dental disciplines within the dental simulators. You will also study the theoretical background of these different disciplines and will continue to develop your skills with further pre-clinical skills courses. You will study Operative Dentistry, Removable Prosthodontics, Fixed Prosthodontics, Oral Radiology, Orthodontics, General Medicine and Dermatology, General Surgery and ENT and Ophthalmology.

Degree Year 4

Students begin their clinical practice providing care for patients in a range of dental disciplines within the Dental Hospital. Modules include Oral Medicine, Oral Surgery, Operative Dentistry, Removable Prosthodontics, and Fixed Prosthodontics and Endodontics.

Degree Year 5

Students’ knowledge and experience of dental practice is deepened with further clinical study. Students continue their clinical attachments with the addition of further disciplines including, Oral Medicine, Treatment of the Dentally-Anxious, Paediatric Dentistry and Public Health. Students continue to build their theoretical knowledge and undertake advanced clinical skills modules. Students consolidate and deepen their knowledge of previous modules including Oral Surgery, Operative Dentistry, Removable and Fixed Prosthodontics, and Endodontics.
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1.2.3 How will I learn and be assessed?

Assessment in each year of the program includes continuous assessment, mid-year assessment and end-of-year examinations.

Continuous assessment (30%) integrates academic and practical components. Students will continue to be assessed academically by examinations and their clinical activity will be graded at each clinical session. This helps staff identify students who may require extra support and put such help in place for them.

Mid-year assessment includes written examination (20%).

End of year assessment (50%) integrates practical and academic components which combines both written and oral assessment.

1.2.4 What career and further education opportunities are open to me when I graduate?

A variety of career pathways are open to new dental graduates. The final career for many graduates is general practice, although a minority may aim to be a consultant in a hospital dental service, a senior clinical academic in a teaching hospital, or a specialist practitioner.

1.2.5 How to apply for a programme in the Faculty of Dentistry

(i) Read the admissions section in our general booklet. This can also be downloaded at www.bue.edu.eg

(ii) Submit an application online at www.bue.edu.eg

(iii) Call the BUE Hotline and speak to a member of staff in the Student Affairs Department in you require further information - 19(BUE) 19283

1.2.6 When to apply:

(i) The early admissions period begins in January of each academic year.

(ii) Applicants are encouraged to apply early in order to secure a place in their chosen programme of study.

(iii) Once programmes are full the applicants will be placed on a waiting list.