

# International Postgraduate & Master Programmes

[Dental School](#) – Ghent University

*This document provides useful information to international students interested to do a postgraduate training at the Dental School of Ghent University. It summarizes the programmes as accepted by the board of the Medical faculty as well as the Board of the University. This document was updated on 29-03-2017.*

## 1. Studying at Ghent University

[Ghent University](#) (UGent) was established in 1817 and currently has got over 36.000 students, of which nearly 3000 international students. It has got 8600 staff members working in education and science, divided over 11 faculties. With a view to cooperation in research and scientific service, numerous research groups, centres and institutes have been founded over the years. Several of them are renowned worldwide, in various scientific disciplines. This explains the high position in the [Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities](#), where Ghent University ranks as the best of all Belgian Universities. Today, after decades of uninterrupted growth, it is one of the leading institutions of higher education and research in the Low Countries. Ghent University is an open, committed and pluralistic university with a broad international perspective. Located in Flanders, the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium and the cultural and economic heart of Europe, Ghent University is an active partner in national and international educational, scientific and industrial cooperation.

### 1.1 Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

The Dental School is part of [The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences](#), which is with its 8000 students one of the largest faculties in Belgium. The faculty is for educational, scientific and service activities for the community closely linked with the university hospital. [Ghent University Hospital](#) provides basic undergraduate as well as specialized postgraduate medical education for all categories of caregivers. Trainees in various medical and dental specialties receive a high-quality clinical education. Every year about 120 doctors and dentists are granted a specialist diploma in their specific field of study.

### 1.2 The UGent Dental School

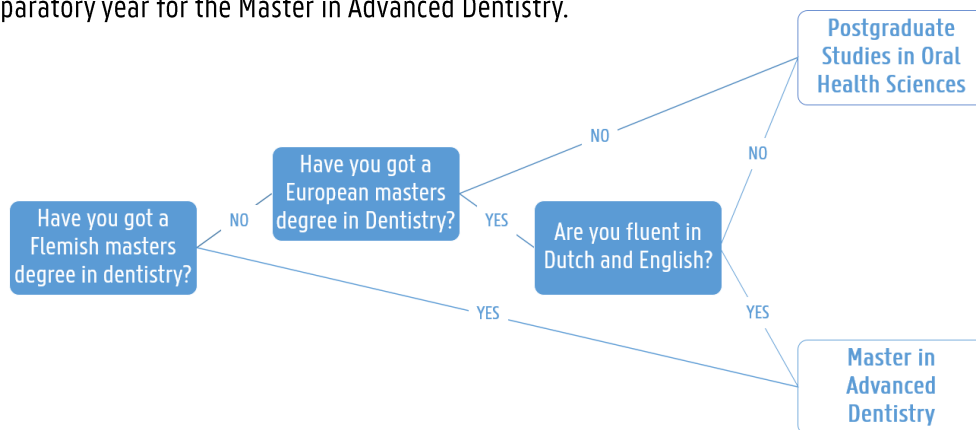
The dental school was established in 1932 and is actually located at the campus of University Hospital. Altogether 130 staff members and collaborators are involved in the five-years undergraduate education programme provided in the Dutch language. Every year around 1000 dentists participate in accredited courses provided by the dental school. Furthermore, the dental clinic is a training centre for dental nurses.

The Belgian healthcare authorities require a one-year postgraduate education in treatment planning in conjunction with vocational training under guidance of an accredited dentist prior to full license to dental practice. The Dental School provides academic courses in this vocational year. Dental degrees obtained outside the European Union are only eligible for access to the dental profession after validation of the original educational programme followed in the country of origin. Often this leads to an additional enrolment in a dental school for further education and training.

### 1.3 Overview of the postgraduate programmes

UGent Dental School offers '[postgraduate studies in Oral Health Sciences](#)' (1 year full-time) and '[postgraduate studies in Oral Implantology](#)' (2 years part-time). Both postgraduate programmes are taught in English and speaking Dutch is not a requirement for admission.

Furthermore, UGent provides five '[master programmes in advanced dentistry](#)', organized in conjunction with 3 years full-time clinical training in the fields of [Endodontics](#), [Paediatric Dentistry and Special Care](#), [Reconstructive Dentistry](#), [Periodontics](#) and a 4 years full-time training in [Orthodontics](#). International students interested to join the master programmes should first seek admission in the one year [Postgraduate Studies in Oral Health Sciences](#). The latter can be combined with the [language courses](#) and is also a preparatory year for the Master in Advanced Dentistry.



2 International students can seek admission to the '[Doctoral School programme](#)'. In general this requires a 4 years full-time involvement in basic or clinical research. Applicants should seek for grants in their home country. For detailed information or inquiries contact the course directors of the master programmes.

An overview of the course directors and their contact details can be found in the table below.

		Course Director	Contact
<u>Postgraduate programmes in Oral Health Sciences</u>		Prof. Dr. Hugo De Bruyn	hugo.debruyne@ugent.be
<u>Postgraduate programmes in Oral Implantology</u>			
Master in advanced dentistry	<u>Track Endodontics</u>	Prof. Dr. Roeland De Moor	roeland.demoor@ugent.be
	<u>Track Paediatric Dentistry and Special Care</u>	Prof. Dr. Luc Martens	luc.martens@ugent.be
	<u>Track Reconstructive Dentistry</u>	Dr. Stefan Vandeweghe	stefan.vandeweghe@ugent.be
	<u>Track Periodontics</u>	Prof. Dr. Hugo De Bruyn	hugo.debruyne@ugent.be
	<u>Track Orthodontics</u>	Prof. Dr. Guy De Pauw	guy.depauw@ugent.be

## 1.4 Admission fees

All fees are to be paid according to specifications of Ghent University. For the Postgraduate programmes, the amount mentioned in the table below includes the educational programme and clinical training. For the Master in Advanced Dentistry, two fees apply. Firstly, there is the usual [tuition fee for the educational programme](#) itself. In addition, there is a fee for the clinical education, called '[permanent training](#)'. This amount differs for EU-students and non EU-students.

			All students	EEA-nationality	Non-EEA nationality
	Years	Full/Part-time	Annual tuition fee educational programme	Annual tuition fee permanent training	Annual tuition fee permanent training
<a href="#">Postgraduate studies in Oral Health Sciences</a>			€ 10 230		
<a href="#">Postgraduate studies in Oral Implantology</a>			€ 5 230		
Master in advanced dentistry	<a href="#">Track Endodontics</a>	3	Year1: € 1 845	€ 2097	€ 15 230
			Year2: € 2 100		
			Year3: € 1 845		
	<a href="#">Track Paediatric Dentistry and Special Care</a>	3	Year1: € 1 845	€ 2097	€ 15 230
			Year2: € 2 355		
			Year3: € 1 590		
	<a href="#">Track Reconstructive Dentistry</a>	3	Year1: € 1 760	€ 2097	€ 18 230
			Year2: € 2 270		
			Year3: € 1 760		
	<a href="#">Track Periodontics</a>	3	Year1: € 2 015	€ 2097	€ 25 230
			Year2: € 2 185		
			Year3: € 1 590		
	<a href="#">Track Orthodontics</a>	4	Year1: € 1 250	€ 2097	€ 25 230
			Year2: € 1 505		
			Year3: € 1 760		
			Year4: € 1 505		

## 2. Requirements

To be an eligible candidate for the one of the programmes, clinical practice in general dentistry of minimally 1 year outside of an educational environment is necessary. This can be proven by sending a copy of your clinical records to the course directors at the time of your application. Furthermore, different language criteria apply for the programmes, and one should keep in mind the prevalent visa regulations in one's home country and Belgium.

### 2.1 Language

#### POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Both postgraduate programmes are taught in **English** and proficiency of Dutch is not a requirement for

admission. Proof of level B2 English language proficiency should be send upon your application and can exist in one of the following forms:

- A TOEFL-TEST, maximum two years old, with a score of 510-559 (paper-based), or 72-95 (internet-based) or higher. Test takers should mention the “institution code” 2643, so that the score can be sent to Ghent University directly
- An original ‘academic test report form’ (TRF) from IELTS, maximum two years old, with a minimum overall band score of 6.0
- A certificate awarded by the UCT confirming proficiency in English, CEF-level B2
- Certificate Practical English 5, Upper-Intermediate Academic English or Preparing for an English test, awarded by the UCT
- Cambridge-ESOL: First certificate in English (FCE)
- A proof that you have successfully completed a minimum of 1 year (60 credits) at a dental school in the English Language

#### MASTER PROGRAMMES

The courses of Master in Advanced Dentistry are also taught in English but the candidates should have proof of **Dutch** language proficiency (B2) before being allowed to treat patients in the clinical programme. This proof can exist in one of the following forms:

- the NVA5 certificate awarded by the [Ghent University Language Centre](#)
- a certificate for the [Interuniversity Language Test of Dutch](#) (Interuniversitaire Taaltest Nederlands voor Anderstaligen, ITNA)
- a B2 certificate from another university language centre
- the certificate for the Higher Education Language Proficiency Profile (Profiel Taalvaardigheid Hoger Onderwijs, PTHO) under the Dutch as a Foreign Language Certificate ([Certificaat Nederlands als Vreemde Taal, CnaVT](#))
- passing the entrance exam for the Dentistry/Medicine study programmes
- passing the NT2 State exam Programme II

It is possible to combine Dutch language courses with the preparatory programme ‘Postgraduate Studies in Oral Health Sciences’. Please note that getting to a B2 level in Dutch requires at least 5 to 6 months of intensive language training. Hence, the language course should start in October preceding the start of the master programme by end of September. Candidates can get additional information at the [language centre](#) of Ghent University and should register fast for these language courses, since they are popular and have limited numbers of participants.

## 2.2 Visa requirements

Please note that if a visa for Belgium is needed, it is necessary to have completed the admission procedure at the [Registrar's office](#). Candidates should also contact the Belgian embassy in their home country and inform themselves on the current visa regulations. Please be aware that it is not recommendable to start a programme with a tourist visa because modification of the latter to a student visa is often problematic.

Admission to any of the programmes does **not imply a working permit** within the Belgian Health Care System.

### 3. Guidelines for your admission

#### STEP 1: ONLINE REGISTRATION

The first step to submit as a candidate, is filling in an online application through [prospect.ugent.be](https://prospect.ugent.be) (select EN in the top left-hand corner). By completing the online application, you confirm that you have read, understood and accept the admission requirements. Please note that Ghent University applies strict deadlines on the applications: candidates requiring a visa to study in Belgium, should apply before 1<sup>st</sup> of March. [Candidates that do not need a visa](#), should apply before 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Keep in mind that under no circumstances you will be able to receive the final letter of admission from the Registrar's office, needed to obtain your visa, if this first step is omitted.

#### STEP 2: SEND DOCUMENTS

Candidates for the postgraduate and masters programmes should send their curriculum vitae, motivational letter and records to [Roxanne.figueroaarriagada@ugent.be](mailto:Roxanne.figueroaarriagada@ugent.be), this before 1<sup>st</sup> of February. After this deadline, no more applications are being accepted.

#### STEP 3: SCREENING

After the deadline has passed, the course directors will screen the applications and decide on whether or not to invite candidates to an interview, possibly through electronic means. The candidates are informed by email and the interview will take place in February.

#### STEP 4: INTERVIEW

During the interview, the course director will try to determine whether or not the candidate has the right competences for the programme. The questions asked will depend on which programme the candidate is applying for. The interview also helps to prove the English proficiency of the candidate.

#### STEP 5: ACCEPTANCE BY COURSE DIRECTOR

After all the candidates have been interviewed, the course director will make a selection. The accepted candidates will receive a letter of admission, signed by the course director. The declined candidates are informed by email.

In order to proceed the admission procedure and to arrange your visa you should scan the letter of admission, provided by the respective programme directors, and send this letter to [admission@UGent.be](mailto:admission@UGent.be).

#### STEP 6: ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

After acceptance by the course director, the online application on [prospect.ugent.be](https://prospect.ugent.be) can be picked up again. Once this is completed, the candidate will receive the final letter of admission from the Registrar's office, which is needed to obtain your visa.