

Kyushu University Graduate School of Dental Science

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The Faculty of Dentistry was founded in 1967 as an outgrowth of the Department of Dentistry and Oral Surgery (founded in 1922) of the Medical Faculty. The faculty as then constituted the entire range of basic dental science such as anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, pathology, microbiology, pharmacology and material engineering, all related to dentistry. Further- more, the faculty comprised a broad range of fields within clinical dentistry such as preventive dentistry, conservative dentistry, periodontology, prosthetics, oral surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, oral radiology and dental anesthesiology. The original Faculty of Dentistry has been reorganized into three separate units consisting of the Faculty of Dental Science, the Graduate School of Dental Science and the School of Dentistry from April 2000. The overall aim of the three units is to focus more intensively on advanced research activities while maintaining flexibility, and to upgrade the level of instruction in both the graduate and under- graduate schools.

FACULTY OF DENTAL SCIENCE

Department of Dental Science

The Faculty of Dental Science contains the Department of Dental Science which consists of four major divisions and two subsidiary divisions. The major divisions comprise the Division of Oral Biological Science; Division of Oral Health, Growth and Development; Division of Oral Rehabilitation; and Division of Maxillofacial Diagnostic and Surgical Science. The secondary divisions contain the Division of Oral Biological Response Research with a visiting professor from abroad; and Division of Oral Health, Technology and Epidemiology with two invited professors from off-campus.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DENTAL SCIENCE

The Graduate School of Dentistry functions as a major center for advanced research not only in dental science but also other fields. The school offers doctoral degrees in Dental Science and Science through a four-year curriculum in basic and clinical dental science. The school is now endeavoring to design a unique graduate course to integrate the undergraduate and graduate courses under the name of D.D.S.-Ph. D. course to promote more advanced skills and encourage the establishment of "Health through Oral Health" in the 21st century.

Department of Dental Science

The Graduate School of Dental Science is a unit for graduate students preparing for the Ph.D. It contains the Department of Dental Science which consists of seven divisions: Division of Oral Biological Science; Division of Oral Health, Growth and Development; Division of Oral Rehabilitation; Division of Maxillofacial Diagnostic and Surgical Science; Division of Hospital Dentistry; Division of Oral Biological Response Research; and Division of Oral Health, Technology and Epidemiology. All the teaching staff and one affiliated division in the attached Dental Hospital are responsible for instruction at the Graduate School of Dental Science. Students from abroad are enrolled in increasing numbers. The curriculum at the Graduate School is aiming to award both Ph.D.s in Dental Science and Clinical Dental Science, and Doctor of Science. The prerequisite for the Ph.D. in Clinical Dental Science is clinical performance in addition to high-level research performance as required in other Ph.D. programs. It is the only officially approved program like this in Japan.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Department of Dentistry

The School of Dentistry is responsible for undergraduate dental education which is provided by selected teaching staff from the Faculty of Dental Science. It contains the Department of Dentistry which consists of Introductory Dentistry, Basic Dental Science, Oral Disease and Pathology, Oral Health Science and Clinical Dentistry. The undergraduate course aims to help students acquire both knowledge and skills required for independent practice, while also encouraging those interested in pursuing academic careers.

UNIVERSITY DENTAL HOSPITAL

The University Dental Hospital includes 11 clinical departments and two special facilities.

The total area of the hospital grounds is 33,794 sq. m. and the floor space of the hospital buildings comprises 8,899 sq. m., with accommodation for 40 beds. At present there are numerous dentists, physicians, nurses and other staff members at the hospital.

In accordance with the substantial planned expansion of clinical departments, the hospital is expected to continue to progress in the fields of treatment, education and research, thus contributing yet further to the profession and the community.

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