

Postgraduate Admissions Statement for Clinical Oral Surgery (PGCert)



This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 17 September 2026 and 15 September 2027.

It should be read in association with the [University Admissions Principles and Procedures](#) for Postgraduate programmes, the relevant [prospectus entry](#) and general [application guidance](#).

Admissions criteria

Academic and English language requirements

The academic and English language requirements for this programme are displayed on the [Postgraduate Prospectus](#).

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our [International Office website](#).

Non-standard applications

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept non-standard applications for this programme. Applicants must meet the entry requirements stated here.

Application process

Online application form

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly. Further information is available on our [guidance for online applications page](#).

Applications will not be considered until all 'required at point of application' documents have been uploaded.

Required and optional documents

Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts: Required at point of application

From first and subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on [our guidance pages](#).

General Dental Council Registration certificate: Required at point of application

You must either hold full or temporary registration with the UK General Dental Council; a current GDC registration must be uploaded with the application. The certificate needs to cover the start date of the course.

Please upload this document in the 'Other Information' section on the application form.

References: Required

One academic reference will be required as part of the application process. Professional references may be accepted if you graduated more than two years ago, or if professional experience is relevant to the application. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on [our guidance pages](#).

Curriculum Vitae (CV): Required at point of application

CVs must include details of relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.

Personal statement: Optional

Personal statements are not required for this programme as they do not form part of the routine application assessment process. However, applicants are welcome to submit a personal statement, as an additional document, if they wish to do so, to provide additional context and detail about their relevant experience and achievements.

English language certificates/other evidence: Required

Evidence of meeting the English language profile as stated on the [Postgraduate Prospectus](#) and specified by the [University English Language Requirements Policy](#)

Computer skills and access: Required

Applicants must have basic computer skills and access to a PC with internet connection for the duration of the course.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS): Required

Applicants must also undergo Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance **before commencing clinical sessions within Trust premises**.

International applicants must provide a satisfactory police check/certificate of good conduct from their home country (with a certified English translation if necessary). This requirement will be included in the conditions of any offer that is made and must be satisfied before admission to the programme can be confirmed.

Medico-legal indemnity insurance: Required

Applicants must have adequate medico-legal indemnity insurance.

Immunisations

In accordance with the requirements of the University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust regarding students with access to patients, evidence of the following immunisations are required **before commencing clinical sessions within Trust premises**:

MMR: Required

Either:

- Evidence of two MMR vaccinations, or

Evidence of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella

Tuberculosis: Required

Either:

- BCG scar, or
- Proof of vaccination

Overseas candidates must undergo a blood test after six weeks of arrival in the UK. Cases are assessed individually by occupational health staff.

Hepatitis B: Required

Three hepatitis B vaccines

Blood test results showing immunity Five-year booster (if applicable)

Chickenpox: Required

Either:

- Verbal history of disease, or
- Blood test results showing immunity, or

Evidence of chickenpox vaccination within last 10 years.

Exposure prone procedures (EPP) clearance: Required

Negative blood test results for:

- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- HIV

All students must take these blood tests in the UK, and must not have subsequently worked abroad, at least one week before commencing EPP work.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University's [Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy](#). Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by at least two members of staff using the following criteria:

- Performance in undergraduate degree
- Current General Dental Council registration
- Work experience (CV)
- References
- English language ability (where applicable)

Interviews

Interviews do not form part of the admissions process.

Decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into the application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept an offer of admission or pay a deposit, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Offers

Offers will typically be made in line with the academic requirements set out above.

Offers made may be conditional or unconditional. An unconditional offer will be made to applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic or language requirements have not yet been fulfilled, applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met.

Deferrals

Requests to defer the year of entry must be submitted via the applicant portal. Requests to defer should be submitted at the earliest opportunity so that it can be reviewed by the admissions team. We cannot guarantee that requests will be granted. Refer to <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/after-you-apply/offer/> for more information on deferrals.

Results deadline

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit all final results to meet their offer conditions by the date noted on their offer letter. Offer holders who will be unable to provide their final results by this date should email choosebristol-pg@bristol.ac.uk to notify the admissions team as soon as possible.

Additional information

Extenuating circumstances

If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties within your studies, you can submit an [extenuating circumstances](#) form as part of your application.

The information provided will be treated confidentially and will help us to assess your academic performance fairly considering your circumstances.

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

An ATAS certificate is not required for this programme.

Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa. Guidance is available on the [University website](#).

Part-time study is only open to international students who have the appropriate immigration permission to be in the UK. Student visas are not usually issued for part-time study in the UK.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

Annual tuition fee is available on the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

Deposits

All Home and International self-funded students accepting a place on a taught postgraduate Dentistry programme are required to pay a deposit of £2000. Further information is available on [how to pay programme deposits](#). Further information will also be provided in the offer letter to successful applicants. The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the [International Deposits Refund Policy](#).

For applicants from certain regions, the University applies increased deposit requirements to help demonstrate financial credibility and to ensure compliance with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) regulations. In such cases, the deposit amount will typically be £15,000 or 50% of the applicant's first-year tuition fees.

The specific deposit amount required in each case will be clearly stated in the applicant's official offer letter. Information on [how to pay the deposit](#) is available on the University's website. Deposits are non-transferable and non-refundable, except in accordance with the terms outlined in the [International Deposits Refund Policy](#).

Sponsored Students

Fully sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit but will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter to the online application.