



## INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE ELECTIVE STUDENTS IN DENTISTRY

### 1. Requirements

- Formal application must be made and should include a copy of your passport
- Applications for elective placements should be addressed by e-mail to Mrs Nuraan Benjamin ([nbenjamin@uwc.ac.za](mailto:nbenjamin@uwc.ac.za))
- The prospective elective student must be a registered senior undergraduate student at a recognised foreign tertiary institution in the 3<sup>rd</sup> to final year of study
- The application must be approved by the mother institution
- Approval for elective visits are dependent on capacity in the preferred department/s
- Elective visits can be undertaken for a minimum period of 2 weeks and a maximum period of 4 weeks.
- Students must be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)
- Applications for elective visits must be made the year preceding the proposed elective visit (30 November)
- All fees to be paid prior to the elective visit

### 2. Registration with the HPCSA

- In order to perform clinical work, elective students will be required to register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as a visiting student
- Application forms ( HPCSA form 8 for visiting students) may be obtained online ([www.hpcsa.co.za/Registrations/ApplicationForms](http://www.hpcsa.co.za/Registrations/ApplicationForms)) and should be stamped by the mother institution and the original document submitted to the Faculty Office for processing
- Fees must be paid directly into the HPCSA bank account and payment can be made prior to arrival or upon arrival
- The Faculty Office will facilitate the registration
- Kindly note that the HPCSA fees increase annually from 01 April

### 3. Accommodation

Elective students will be responsible for arranging their own accommodation and for travelling to and from the host institution. There is no accommodation available in the university residences.

### 4. University rules and regulations

Elective students will be subject to the rules and regulations as specified by UWC for the elective period concerned. Any breach of these rules will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary policy of UWC. The home institution will also be informed of such transgression/s



## 5. Location

The Faculty's Community Engagement is largely done through service rendering which takes place on the combined service platform of the Health Department of the Western Cape. This combined platform consists of Groote Schuur and Tygerberg Academic Hospitals, Red Cross Children's Hospital, Gugulethu and Mitchells Plain Day Hospitals and the two major dental sites, namely Tygerberg and Mitchells Plain Oral Health Centres. The service rendering involves primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary patient care which ranges from basic dentistry to the holistic, multidisciplinary management of severe facial and dental deformities.

### *Tygerberg Campus*

The Tygerberg Campus is situated in Parow Valley. It is 25 kilometers from the Cape Town city centre and approximately 8 kilometers from the UWC main campus

### *Mitchells Plain Campus*

The Mitchells Plain Campus is situated approximately 20 kilometers from the main campus, in the residential suburb of Mitchells Plain. The university owns two and half floors of the Medical Centre in the heart of Mitchells Plain Town Centre.

## 6. Outreach Programmes

The Faculty of Dentistry arranges a number of outreach programmes to serve communities in need of dental treatment. Elective students are able to participate in these programmes subject to scheduling of such programmes and the availability of space.

## 7. Dress code

- All students are required to wear scrubs
- Gloves, masks and protective eyewear to be worn (lab or clinic)
- Identification badges (name tags) to be worn at all times in the building
- No bags allowed in the clinical areas and laboratory
- A well-groomed beard is allowed but must be covered by a mask
- Hair should be neat and tidy and tied at the back (ladies)
- Nails to be kept short and neat
- Piercings, long earrings and jewellery are discouraged as this poses a health and safety risk
- No open shoes or sandals
- Sneakers and sport shoes will be allowed on condition that they are black or white

## 8. Language policy

The language of instruction at the Faculty of Dentistry is English and elective students are expected to have a good command of the English language.



## 9. Occupational exposure to infections agents

### a. Hepatitis B Immunization

Elective students are responsible to ensure that that they are immunized against Hepatitis B and to provide the Faculty Office with proof of immunization.

### b. HIV and TB

Students are expected to be aware of the high frequency of HIV and Tuberculosis infections in South Africa. Vaccination against TB is not compulsory and students should rather follow their national guidelines in this regard. It is important to familiarise yourself with how to react in case of an accidental exposure. Protocols in regard to exposure are available through UWC and it is strongly advised that you familiarise yourself with these protocols before your elective visit.

### c. Other

It is advisable to be immunised against poliomyelitis, measles, chickenpox and rubella. For those planning to undertake travel through Southern Africa, immunisation against Hepatitis A, typhoid, yellow fever and chemoprophylaxis against malaria might be considered. Consult your travel medicine specialist timeously.

## 10. Health Insurance

Elective students are responsible for obtaining adequate medical / health insurance coverage to the satisfaction of UWC prior to arrival. Students are advised to read the contents of their medical cover carefully so that they are aware of the correct procedure of contacting their medical insurance in case of an emergency.

## 11. Fees

Once the faculty has confirmed your elective visit, kindly secure your booking by paying the elective fee. Proof of payment must be e-mailed to Mrs N Benjamin ([nbenjamin@uwc.ac.za](mailto:nbenjamin@uwc.ac.za)) prior to arrival.

The fee structure is \$300 for a period of two (2) weeks and \$600 for a period of four (4) weeks

### **Banking details**

<i>Bank</i>	<i>ABSA</i>
<i>Account No.</i>	<i>4050893930</i>
<i>Account Holder name</i>	<i>University of the Western Cape</i>
<i>Trading name</i>	<i>General Deposits</i>
<i>Branch Code</i>	<i>560810</i>
<i>Reference</i>	<i>335267</i>

## 12. Evaluation report

Elective students are requested to kindly provide the Dean's Office with an evaluation report of their visit