This Postgraduate Certificate programme develops students' knowledge and skills, theoretical and practical competencies in the fast-developing world of sedation and pain management, and is studied part-time over one year. Simulation training in management of medical emergencies is an important component of the programme. It is compliant with UK sedation guidelines.

Degree summary
Alongside theoretical training, the programme provides clinical attachments with a programme mentor at accredited sedation clinics in or near London. Students receive training in pre-sedation assessment and how to administer sedation to patients using standard sedation techniques, and observe the criteria set for recovery and discharge of patients after sedation. Students also receive simulation training in the management of medical emergencies during sedation.

The programme is available to both doctors and dentists, which is unique in the UK. The programme invites guest speakers from other institutions and the Programme Director himself is a visiting professor from UWC, Cape Town, providing connections with the international sedation community.

You can find out more about the programme on the institute’s Dental Sedation and Pain Management PG Cert page.

This programme trains students in standard sedation techniques. We would like to present short courses in advanced sedation techniques in the future.

The programme is delivered through lectures, clinical skills seminars, problem-based learning and directly supervised clinical sessions sedating patients. Students also receive simulation training in the management of medical emergencies.

Accreditation
The programme is compliant to the Intercollegiate Advisory Committee for Sedation in Dentistry (IACSD) standards of practice.

Degree structure
Mode: Part-time: 1 year
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Teaching takes place in two blocks during the year. In between these blocks, students undertake clinical/practical training in clinics in and around London.

Students undertake modules to the value of 60 credits. The programme consists of four core modules worth 15 credits each.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

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Your career

The programme prepares graduates to practise as:

// Operator sedationists: as dentists they can conduct dental procedures and administer drugs for relief of pain and anxiety, conscious sedation

// Dedicated sedation practitioners: delivering the relief of pain and anxiety through conscious sedation while conducting dental procedures (this form of sedation practice is becoming very popular and the demand is increasing)

// Sedation trainers

// Various graduates are now offering conscious sedation for the first time in their practices, and one graduate is now running airway certification courses.

Employability

There is a huge demand for sedation practitioners and this is likely to grow in future, not only as private practitioners but also sedation trainers.
Entry requirements

UK/EU applicants must be registered with the UK GDC or GMA and have a minimum of one year clinical experience post-qualification. International students without the above registration are welcome to undertake the theoretical elements of the programme as a CPD course. Contact UCL Eastman for more information.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency. The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Good.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this programme
- why you want to study the programme at graduate level
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree and how this programme meets your needs
- what is your clinical/theoretical experience related to this programme
- whether you think you would be able to offer conscious sedation as an option for patient treatment in your surgeries.

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

There is an application processing fee for Eastman Dental Institute programmes of £110 for online applications and £135 for paper applications. Further information can be found at: www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

- UK: £7,190 (PT)
- EU: £7,190 (PT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Students website.

This programme may be studied on a part-time basis only; the fee shown here is the part-time tuition fee.

All students on this programme on a part-time or flexible basis are required to pay a fee deposit of £500.

No specific funding available for programme

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 10 March 2019

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

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