CAMBRIDGE ACADEMY OF
DENTAL IMPLANTOLOGY

# MSc in Advanced Dental Implantology

## Part 1

2026-2027

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Part 1 of the Master of Science degree in Advanced Dental Implantology. Part 1 is provided by the Cambridge Academy of Dental Implantology. Part 2 is provided by Aston University.

This Student Handbook will provide you with the information that you will need for your course and is provided to you prior to your course commencing. The Student Handbook can also be downloaded from the Student Zone website (cadi-studentzone.com) and from the Canvas VLE. To access the Student Zone you will need the password: **yearcourse**

We hope that you enjoy the MSc pathway and find the program interesting and challenging. Although there will be plenty of hard work we want you to find the learning a positive experience that improves your knowledge and skills to enhance your career.

## 1.1 Mission and Values

We aim to install positive change in our learners, enabling them to develop their full potential. The Academy's central objective is to deliver education that shapes your professional life and improves the clinical care of your patients.

This objective is reflected by our strategic ambitions: -

- **Creating opportunity** – All of our learners excel in developing the knowledge, skills, and resilience to play the positive role in the profession that they envisage for themselves. They personalise their learning, combining theoretical rigour, practical relevance, and personal development.
- **Valuing ideas** – We possess strong relationships and robust processes that enable discovery and drive innovation.

## 1.2 Aims and Learning Outcomes

The Part 1 programme aims to improve your academic, analytic and practical skills in areas related to the field of implant dentistry, in preparation for Part 2 the following year. The program is aimed

primarily at General Dental Practitioners and builds on the knowledge and skills that you have acquired during your undergraduate and postgraduate studies, and your clinical experience.

As a Level 7 program this course is designed to develop your analytic skills as well as to teach you facts. At this level of postgraduate education, we expect that one of the most important outcomes is for students to become skilled at appraising published literature and develop the ability to critically assess claims and conclusions made by researchers, authors and manufacturers. Students will develop a good understanding of the methodologies used in clinical research and be able to assess the quality of published studies. These skills will help to improve the clinical outcomes for your patients by encouraging an evidence-based approach to your clinical practice.

Analytic skills are developed during both the online modules and the contact study days. Central to effective development of such skills is your participation in the academic discussions that take place in the online modules. For this reason, your participation in the online discussions is expected for each relevant weekly session. You will need to submit at least one discussion post (but preferably more) for each weekly online session (maximum of 500 words) that will be based on your own research around the given topic. You will be expected to engage with your fellow classmates and develop ideas or arguments that form during these discussions. Your weekly discussion submission will be graded and will count towards your final module mark.

## 1.3 Main Contacts

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| **Stuart Ellis** | Course Director |
| **Richard Millhouse** | Deputy Course Director |

You can send a message to any of your tutors using the Inbox messaging system within the Canvas VLE.

Each module is supervised by module tutors. The contact details of your designated module tutor will be given to you at the start of each module. You can also contact the course tutor within the Canvas VLE.

## 1.4 Postal address

The postal address for the Academy is:

Cambridge Academy of Dental Implantology
Cavendish House
183 Arbury Road
Cambridge
CB4 2JJ
United Kingdom

## 1.5 Methods of communication

In order to minimize the risk of emails being filtered into SPAM, all of the communications your tutors during the Part 1 programme with must carried out within the Canvas VLE using Inbox. This is a secure method of electronical communication and fully complies with the GDPR(UK) requirements.

# 2. ASSESSMENT

## 2.1 Methods of assessment

Your academic and clinical skills will be assessed throughout the Part 1 course. There are two methods for assessment:

**Formative Assessment**

This type of assessment is not graded. In other words, it does not count towards your Part 1 marks. Formative assessment is designed to help you understand what is required of you at Level 7 and to develop your academic and practical skills in a free environment.

Your weekly Discussion Post for the opening module will undergo formative assessment after the week 1 submission deadline. Your module tutor will provide feedback to help you address any weaknesses and hence to help you achieve better marks.

**Summative Assessment**

This type of assessment is graded and counts towards your overall Part 1 mark. Your weekly Discussion Posts, module assignments and essays are graded according to the Academy's Grade Based Assessment Scheme (GBA). On the Preclinical Practical Skills Week, the OSATS (Objective Structured Assessments of Practical Skills) will also be graded according to this scheme.

Learners on the Experienced Practitioner pathways are exempt from the Practical Skills Week and the OSATS. For these learners, the Clinical Case Reports will be graded under the summative grading process for Module 6.

## 2.2 Grade Based Assessment scheme (GBA)

All assessments are marked according to a marking scheme specific to that assessment. These marking schemes are known as rubrics. The rubric for each assessment can be downloaded from Canvas on the question page. This ensures that students know exactly what is expected of them for every graded assignment. The marking rubrics are all related to the module's Learning Outcomes. The Learning Outcomes for each module are listed in the Module Specification (available in the Student Zone).

To progress to Part 2 of the MSc in Advanced Dental Implantology, with Aston University, you must obtain a grade of <u>at least 60%</u> in all modules of Part 1.

## 2.4 External Examiner

An External Examiner for Part 1 is appointed by EduQual.

# 3. COURSE STRUCTURE

## 3.1 Course structure

Part 1 of the MSc in Advanced Dental Implantology pathway takes up to 12 months. After successful completion of Part 1 (with a grade of 60% or more in each module) learners will progress to Part 2, which is delivered by Aston University. After successful completion of Part 2, the degree of Master of Science in Advanced Dental Implantology is awarded by Aston University.

## 3.2 Modules

The full specification for the Part 1 modules can be found in the Module Specification (accessed from the Student Zone)

| CREDITS | MODULE |
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| **20** | Patient Assessment, Diagnosis & Treatment Planning |
| **20** | Preclinical Practical Skills |
| **20** | Implant Prosthodontics & Occlusion |
| **20** | Basic Sciences Related to Implant Dentistry |
| **20** | Evidence Based Dentistry |
| **20** | Clinical Cases |

## 3.3 Hours of study

Each credit requires 10 notional hours of learning. This consists of time spent at the Practical Skills Week, treating patients, time spent on the online modules and private study.

Each module equates to 200 notional learning hours. Hence Part 1 requires 1,200 notional hours to complete.

## 3.4 Attendance

You are expected to participate in the online discussions for each weekly session. You are also required to attend each full day of the Practical Skills Week.

We may consider you as withdrawn from the course if you do not participate in the online weekly sessions. In such a circumstance the date of withdrawal will be your last day of participation.

## 3.5 Preclinical Practical Skills Week (Module 2)

For those on the Beginners (Provided Patients) pathway, the Practical Skills Week takes place at:

The Moller Institute

Churchill College

University of Cambridge

Storey's Way

Cambridge

CB3 0DE

https://www.mollerinstitute.com/

Lunch is provided on each day of the Practical Skills Week. Accommodation is not provided. The Moller Institute has 92 ensuite rooms for those who wish to stay onsite. Please contact the Moller Institute for details.

For the Practical Skills Week, please bring the following items with you:

- Laptop for the CBCT implant planning exercises.
- Loupes, if you normally wear these.

**Learners on the Experienced Practitioners pathway DO NOT attend the Preclinical Practical Skills Week**

# 4. Teaching and learning

### 4.1 Expertise of staff

The Course Team is led by Stuart Ellis, who is an implant dentist with extensive experience in implant dentistry and postgraduate teaching. Stuart Ellis is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, a Fellow of the College of General Dentistry and Course Lead for the MSc in Advanced Dental Implantology at Aston University. Teaching is supplemented with other experienced clinicians who act as tutors and examiners. Clinical supervision is provided by experienced clinicians with a proven track record in the successful use of clinical techniques and current approaches for implant dentistry in the primary dental care environment.

## 4.2 Referencing

For all weekly Discussion Posts and essays, you will be expected to reference correctly. The main purposes of referencing are as follows:

• to acknowledge the sources of information that you have used

• to indicate to the reader the range and scope of your literature review

• to enable the reader to find the sources easily and quickly.

For all assignments we will expect you to use the **Harvard** referencing system.

Further details on the use of Harvard referencing, and the avoidance of plagiarism, will be provided during your course.

## 4.3 Confidential material

Please remember your ethical, professional and legal responsibilities to respect confidentiality and maintain the anonymity of patients, individuals and organisations within any assignments submitted. It is especially important that you ensure that patients data is anonymised or removed from all work submitted as part of your taught programme. In addition, patients should clearly give informed written consent to being part of any portfolio of work that you might submit.

## 4.5 Dealing with difficulties in meeting assessment deadlines

Assignments must be submitted no later than the date on your assignment instructions. If you anticipate that you will have difficulty in meeting assessment deadlines you must report this at the earliest possible opportunity to the Course Director.

Authorisation of the late submission of work requires written permission. The Academy can give permission for one extension period of between 1 and 10 working days where appropriate evidence of good reason has been accepted and where submission within this timescale would be reasonable taking into account your circumstances.

We aim to let you know if the extension has been granted within 5 working days of the receipt of the request.

If you are unable to submit work within 10 working days after the submission date due to verifiable extenuating circumstances, you may submit a case for consideration in accordance with the Academy's Policies and Procedures on Extenuating Circumstances. This policy can be downloaded from the Student Zone (cadi-studentzone.com).

## 4.6 Extenuating circumstances

Some students face significant events in their personal life that occur after their course has started, which have a greater impact on the students than can be solved by the use of an extension. If this applies to you, the Academy is ready to support you both with regard to your course and your personal wellbeing.

A Notification of Extenuating Circumstances (NEC) form allows you to inform the Academy that your academic performance has been affected by circumstances beyond your control.

Although you may submit an NEC at any time of year, please note that the timing of this notification is important. You must refer to the relevant regulations for more information on the timing of NECs.

If your NEC is upheld, then you may be granted an extension, or you may be offered the chance to attempt the assessment (e.g. exam) at the next assessment point.

Further fees may be payable if an extension is granted or the assessment is taken on a future date.

Further information about Extenuating circumstances is available from the Student Zone (cadi-studentzone.com).

## 4.7 Late submissions

If you submit work late, without prior authorisation to do so, a universal penalty will be applied in relation to your work.

Essays and other module assignments submitted late will incur a penalty of 5% for each day, or part day, beyond the submission deadline (up to a maximum period of 5 days).

Weekly Discussion Posts cannot be submitted after the submission deadline.

If you are making a first attempt at a module and submit an assessed essay or module assignment work after the submission date (and specified time), the work will be marked if submitted within five days of the submission date (subject to the 5% penalty for each day or part day past the deadline).

If you are making a first attempt at a module and submit work after the second deadline (i.e. five days after the official deadline), a zero grade will be awarded, and examiners will only comment on the work for learning purposes.

If you are making a referred or repeat attempt at a module you must submit work by the submission date and will not be allowed a second deadline. Work received after the submission date will be awarded a zero grade. Examiners will only comment on the work for learning purposes and return it to you with a zero grade.

Essays are checked for plagiarism by Turnitin.

## 4.8 Feedback Following Assessments

The Academy is committed to giving you clear, legible and informative feedback for all your assessments. You are expected to review and reflect on your feedback and learn from each experience to improve your performance as you progress though the course.

You will be provided with feedback for in-module formative and summative elements of assessment which contribute to a module within 30 working days of the scheduled submission deadline date. Feedback may be oral, written, supplied by video file, or a combination of these methods.

## 4.9 Cheating, plagiarism, collusion or re-presentation

You are required to sign a declaration indicating that individual work submitted for an assessment is your own.

If you attempt to influence the standard of the award you obtain through cheating, plagiarism or collusion, it will be considered as a serious academic and disciplinary offence as described within the Academic Irregularities Policy (downloadable from the Student Zone).

• Cheating is any deliberate attempt to deceive and covers a range of offences described in the Assessment Policy Handbook (downloadable from the Student Zone).

• Plagiarism describes copying from the works of another person.

• Collusion is an attempt to deceive the examiners by disguising the true authorship of an assignment by copying, or imitating in close detail another student's work - this includes with the other student's consent and also when 2 or more students divide the elements of an assignment amongst themselves and copy one another's answers. It does not include the normal situation in which you learn from your peers and share ideas, as this generates the knowledge and understanding necessary for each individual to independently undertake an assignment; nor should it be confused with group work on an assignment which is specifically authorised in the assignment brief.

• Re-presentation is an attempt to gain credit twice for the same piece of work.

All essays are checked for plagiarism by Turnitin software. This software will be available for you on Canvas throughout your course, so that any assignment can be submitted, and the results seen by yourself.

A referral may be made to the appropriate regulatory body (e.g. General Dental Council) for their consideration of suspected dishonest conduct.

# 5. POLICIES

## 5.1 Program Policies

All policies can be downloaded from the Student Zone (cadi-studentzone.com). You are strongly advised to read all policies. The following policies are available to download include:

Academic Appeals

Academic Irregularities

Academic Irregularity Appeals

Approved Prior Learning (APL and APEL)

Assessment

Attendance Policy

Complaints

Equality & Diversity

Examination Procedures & Regulations

Fitness to Study

Notification of Extenuating Circumstances

Student Code of Conduct

Privacy Notice

Request for Reconsideration (R4R)

Withdrawals & Transfers

## 5.2 Complaints

The Academy recognises that there may be occasions when you have cause for complaint about the service you have received, when this happens, the complaints procedure is intended to provide an accessible, fair and straightforward system which ensures as effective, prompt and appropriate response.

The Complaints procedure can be downloaded from the Student Zone

## 5.3 Withdrawals

Students are expected to enter Part 2 of the MSc pathway, with Aston University, the following academic year.

If a student does not enrol with Aston University the following academic year, the student will be considered to have withdrawn from the programme.

Students who withdraw from the MSc pathway at the end of Part 1, either by withdrawing in writing or by failing to enrol with Aston University, will be liable for the withdrawal fee of £2,500 + VAT. After withdrawal, and payment of the withdrawal fee, the DipImpDent can be awarded as an exit qualification.

## 5.4 Progression to part 2

If a student does not receive a grade of at least 60% in all modules of Part 1, progression to Part 2 with Aston University will not be permitted. In such a circumstance the student can apply for the 90 credits exit award of Level 7 Diploma in Implant Dentistry within 2 years of the last day of Part 1 (usually the last day of June), on condition that all modules of Part 1 have received a pass grade (at least 45%).

A Conferment Fee is charged for the exit award. The Conferment Fee to be paid is the fee applicable at the time of application for the exit award, not the fee applicable on course enrolment or at any other time.

The Conferment Fee for exit award applications made during the period 1 September 2026 – 1 September 2027 is £2,500 + VAT.

No exit qualification can be awarded if Part 1 is not successfully completed with a grade of 45% or more in each module.