



Fellowship in Periodontics

Get advanced education in Periodontics and Implant Dentistry

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Biology and Periodontology
College of Dentistry, King Khalid University
Al-Qara Campus, Abha, Saudi Arabia

The Fellowship in Periodontics at King Khalid University College of Dentistry is a four-year program designed to equip trainees with advanced knowledge, clinical mastery, and research competence. You will learn to diagnose, plan, and execute comprehensive periodontal and implant care using an evidence-based, multidisciplinary approach. Throughout the program, you will engage in intensive didactic instruction, hands-on clinical training, and laboratory practice covering the full scope of Periodontics and Implant Dentistry. The program comprehensively covers the following major areas:

Surgical and non-surgical periodontal therapy

Regenerative, resective and mucogingival surgical procedures

Implant dentistry and implant-supported restorations

Advanced implant surgical techniques

Digital dentistry and CBCT-based treatment planning

Management of peri-implant diseases and conditions

Occlusion and its relationship to periodontics and implant prosthetics

Multidisciplinary care involving prosthodontics, orthodontics, and oral medicine

Geriatric and medically compromised patient periodontal care



You will enhance your skills in state-of-the-art clinical and surgical facilities at the College of Dentistry, with access to advanced technology including:

- **Piezosurgery devices for precise and atraumatic bone surgery**
- **Different implant surgical kits for multiple implant systems**
- **DASK surgical kit for complex bone management**
- **Advanced surgical instruments for implant dentistry, including microsurgical instruments, sinus lift kits, bone grafting tools, and membrane fixation devices**
- **Intraoral scanners and CBCT imaging for digital implant planning**
- **Fully equipped surgical clinic with dedicated implant operating facilities.**

This comprehensive training ensures that upon completion, you will be proficient in providing the highest standard of periodontal and implant surgical care, grounded in current scientific evidence and advanced clinical technology.



◀ About the Program

◀ Mission

The Fellowship in Periodontics at our esteemed institution is committed to upholding the highest standards of patient care, advancing scientific research, and delivering superior academic instruction in service to the oral health needs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Its mission is to prepare distinguished fellows who exemplify clinical excellence and educational leadership in both Periodontics and Implant Dentistry.

◀ Program at a Glance

Qualification Level	Doctorate – Level 9 (Saudi Health Fellowship / الزمالة الصحية)
Duration	4 years (8 semesters)
Total Credit Hours	163
Mode of Study	On-campus, full-time
Location	College of Dentistry, Al-Qara Campus, King Khalid University, Abha
Awarded Title	Fellowship Certificate in Periodontics
Career Pathway	Periodontist (Senior Registrar)



Curriculum Structure

The 163 credit-hour curriculum integrates basic science, didactic teaching, specialty clinical training, and a research project with strong emphasis on direct clinical practice (a minimum of 60% of total training hours).

component	credit Hours	% of program
Basic Sciences (Anatomy, Pathology, Biology, Radiology, Microbiology, Therapeutics)	6	4%
Didactic Courses (Research Methods, Education, Biostatistics)	3	2%
Periodontics Didactic Courses (Pre-Clinical Periodontics, Occlusion/TMJ, Microsurgical Periodontics, Esthetic Dentistry)	8	5%
Seminars (Interdisciplinary, Book Review, Literature Review, Case Presentation, Treatment Planning, Implantology)	30	18%
Clinical Training (Advanced Periodontics Clinics 1–8)	104	63%
Implantology Courses (Implantology 1 & 2)	2	1.5%
Research Project (4 levels)	4	2.5%
Practice Teaching (4 levels)	4	2.5%
Directed study (2 levels)	2	1.5%
Total	163	100%

Curriculum

Trainees must complete the courses listed below across the eight semesters of the four-year program. The plan integrates didactic seminars, classic and current literature reviews, laboratory training, clinical practice, and a longitudinal research project.



Year 1 — Semester 1 (Level 1)

Course Title	Credit Hours
Research Methods and Scientific Writing	1
Interdisciplinary Seminar 1	1
Book Review Seminar in Periodontics 1	2
Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology	1
Applied Head and Neck Anatomy	1
Advanced Pre-Clinical Periodontics	4
Advanced Oral Biology	1
Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	1
Advanced Periodontics Clinic 1	8
Total credit hours	20

Year 1 — Semester 2 (Level 2)

Course Title	Credit Hours
Interdisciplinary Seminar 2	1
Biostatistics in Dentistry	1
Education Methods	1
Book Review Seminar in Periodontics 2	2
Periodontic Case Presentation Seminar 1	1
Advanced Dental Therapeutics	1
Treatment planning Seminar in Periodontics 1	1
Advanced Oral Microbiology and Immunology	1
Advanced Periodontics Clinic 2	12
Total credit hours	21



Year 2 — Semester 1 (Level 3)

Course Title	Credit Hours
Occlusion and Temporomandibular Joint Disorders	1
Implantology 1	1
Research Project in Periodontics 1	1
Periodontal Microbiology	1
Interdisciplinary Seminar 3	1
Treatment Planning Seminar in Periodontics 2	1
Periodontic Case Presentation Seminar 2	1
Classic Literature Review in Periodontics 1	2
Advanced Periodontics Clinic 3	12
Total credit hours	21

Year 2 — Semester 2 (Level 4)

Course Title	Credit Hours
Esthetic Dentistry for Prosthodontics	1
Implantology 2	1
Research Project in Periodontics 2	1
Interdisciplinary Seminar 4	1
Periodontic Case Presentation Seminar 3	1
Classic Literature Review in Periodontics 2	2
Advanced Periodontics Clinic 4	12
Total credit hours	19



Year 3 — Semester 1 (Level 5)

Course Title	Credit Hours
Research Project in Periodontics 3	1
Directed Study 1	1
Practice Teaching (Periodontics) 1	1
Interdisciplinary Seminar 5	1
Periodontic Case Presentation Seminar 4	1
Current Literature Review in Periodontics 1	2
Advanced Periodontics Clinic 5	14
Total credit hours	21

Year 3 — Semester 2 (Level 6)

Course Title	Credit Hours
Research Project in Periodontics 4	1
Directed Study 2	1
Practice Teaching (Periodontics) 2	1
Interdisciplinary Seminar 6	1
Periodontic Case Presentation Seminar 5	1
Current Literature Review in Periodontics 2	2
Advanced Periodontics Clinic 6	14
Total credit hours	21



Year 4 — Semester 1 (Level 7)

Course Title	Credit Hours
Practice Teaching (Periodontics) 3	1
Microsurgical Periodontics	1
Current Literature Review in Periodontics 3	2
Advanced Periodontics Clinic 7	16
Total credit hours	20

Year 4 — Semester 2 (Level 8)

Course Title	Credit Hours
Practice Teaching (Periodontics) 4	1
Periodontic Case Presentation Seminar 6	1
Current Literature Review in Periodontics 4	2
Advanced Periodontics Clinic 8	16
Total credit hours	20



Research Project

Each trainee must complete an original research project, clinical, in-vitro/laboratory-based, or in dental biomaterials, that demonstrates the ability to apply scientific methodology to a problem relevant to Periodontics. Registration begins at the start of the second year, with progress reviewed every three months by the Program Research Committee. The final research report must be accompanied by a manuscript submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, and trainees defend their work in a formal 45-minute presentation before the Research Evaluation Committee.

Admissions

Eligible applicants must meet the following minimum requirements

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) from a recognized dental school, with a minimum GPA of 3/5 (or 2/4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of internship training year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCFHS) license to practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of English proficiency: TOEFL (or equivalent)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three letters of recommendation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful personal interview and admission specialty examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documented source of financial support and employer approval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good conduct and medical fitness for clinical work

