

RAK College of Dental Sciences seeks to address UAE Demands in Dental Education

Over the last decade, health services in UAE have markedly improved in nearly every segment, including preventive and curative care. Due to the increased demand for comprehensive health care system, the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah in UAE has taken a leadership role in recent years. Under the dynamic leadership of His Highness Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Deputy Ruler and Crown Prince of Ras Al Khaimah, an exclusive health sciences university called RAK Medical and Health Sciences University (RAKMHSU) was established in Ras Al Khaimah in 2006. RAKMHSU currently offers undergraduate programs in Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Nursing. RAK College of Dental Sciences (RAKCODS), which is one of the constituent colleges of RAKMHSU offers a five year program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) and the College is also currently preparing to offer postgraduate courses in dentistry.



The fundamental mission of the undergraduate dental education program offered at RAKCODS is to prepare competent general practitioners that are eligible for licensure to practice dentistry. The curriculum at RAKCODS is designed to support the student attainment of the necessary clinical competencies for graduation. The College, having received initial accreditation by the Ministry of Higher Education, strictly adheres to the standards promulgated by the Commission for the Academic Accreditation Committee appointed by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Government of United Arab Emirates. Within these standards, the RAKMHS University and RAK College of Dental Sciences have the responsibility for the selection of students; the design, implementation, and evaluation of the curriculum; the evaluation of student progress; and the determination of who should be awarded a degree.

The College also has the responsibility to the public to assure that its graduates can become fully competent dentists, capable of delivering quality care in a timely manner and preserving the health and well-being of the patients they serve. With highly qualified and experienced international academic faculty, RAKCODS is committed to offering world class dental education to prospective candidates from UAE and around the world.

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