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BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

BDS (Dental Surgery)

Shaping Competent, Ethical and
Compassionate Dental Professionals
for a Healthier Society



COMPASSION
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PATIENT
CENTERED CARE



QUALITY
EDUCATION



MODERN FACILITIES
& TECHNOLOGY



RESEARCH &
INNOVATION



COMMUNITY
SERVICE

Excellence in Dental Education • Service to Community • Commitment to Oral Health



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BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY (BDS)

A comprehensive 5-year program preparing you for a successful career in dentistry.

The Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) program at GLUK is our premier undergraduate offering, meticulously crafted to develop proficient, ethical, and community-engaged dental professionals ready to address oral health challenges across Kenya and the broader African region.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



DURATION
5 academic years



CURRICULUM
A blend of basic medical sciences, dental sciences and extensive clinical practice delivered through competency-based, integrated modules.



CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
Early clinical exposure in modern skill labs, phantom labs and on-campus clinics, with rotations in affiliated hospitals.



COMMUNITY DENTISTRY
Strong focus on outreach programs—providing care to underserved communities and addressing real-world public health challenges.



RESEARCH
Opportunities to engage in research projects under the mentorship of experienced faculty.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?



EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Become a qualified Dental Specialist employable in the public sector, private practice, military or academia.



GLOBAL ASPIRATIONS
Promotion of dental research and innovation in local materials, community care models and emerging technologies.



NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS
Workforce development aligned with Kenya's Universal Health Coverage, Vision 2030 and the SDGs.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- ✓ Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of biomedical and oral health sciences.
- ✓ Perform accurate diagnosis, treatment planning and clinical management of dental and oral diseases across all age groups.
- ✓ Perform preventive, restorative, surgical and rehabilitative procedures with a high degree of competence and ethical consideration.
- ✓ Communicate effectively with patients, communities and professional teams.
- ✓ Engage in public health initiatives and outreach programs to improve population oral health.
- ✓ Conduct and apply research in dentistry to improve practice and influence policy.
- ✓ Adhere to professional codes of ethics, national regulations and global standards.
- ✓ Serve in leadership roles in private practice, public service, academic institutions or non-governmental organizations.



Modern Clinical Training



State-of-the-Art Laboratories



Community Outreach



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must meet the minimum university entry requirements. Specific requirements for the BDS program include a strong performance in Biology, Chemistry, Physics/Mathematics and English in their secondary school leaving examinations (or equivalent).

Visit the Admissions Page for detailed criteria.



For application and more information, visit our website www.gluk.ac.ke



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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

We are committed to admitting students who have the academic potential, passion and drive to excel in the field of dentistry and contribute to better oral health for our communities.



KCSE / IGCSE

- KCSE: Minimum aggregate B with B in cluster subjects:
 - Alternative A: Biology, Physics/Maths, Chemistry, English/Kiswahili
 - Alternative B: Biological Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, English/Kiswahili
- IGCSE (A Levels): Three Principal passes in Biology, Chemistry, and Mathematics or Physics.



DIPLOMA HOLDERS

- A Diploma in a professional medical/dental related field from a recognized institution.
- Minimum of C+ in KCSE or equivalent.
- Cumulative score for the Diploma must be a Credit or above.



DEGREE HOLDERS

- A Bachelor's degree in a science or technical field of study from a recognized institution.



FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

- Qualifications from foreign institutions shall be considered provided they are accompanied by a Kenya Qualifications Authority equation.

HOW TO APPLY

Our application process is handled through our online portal. Please follow the steps below to submit your application:

- 1 Visit our online application portal by clicking the button below.
- 2 Create an account or log in if you have an existing one.
- 3 Fill in the required personal and academic information.
- 4 Upload scanned copies of your academic certificates, national ID/passport, and a passport-sized photograph.
- 5 Pay the non-refundable application fee through the methods provided on the portal.
- 6 Submit your application and wait for communication from our admissions office.



APPLY ONLINE TODAY!

Start your journey with GLUK.



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- Website: www.gluksdbs.org

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GLUK is committed to good governance, academic excellence and the highest standards of integrity and accountability.



Great lakes University of Kisumu obtained its Charter in November 2012. It is established as a centre of excellence bridging academics with community and institutional based development. GLUK believes that all people and communities have capacities and are fully engaged in individual, collective and collaborative actions to solve their own problems.

The GLUK mission is to develop effective and ethical leaders with a vision for the transformation of situations in the African context

Vice Chancellor Great Lakes University of Kisumu
Professor Hazel Miseda-Mumbo



In order to realize the Universal Health coverage agenda and to be true to the Kenya Constitution 2010, we as Kenyans need to address the human resources for health needs without whom its success cannot be guaranteed. Most challengingly, Kenya is identified by WHO as one of the 57 HRH crisis countries, based on the low health workforce to population ratio. The rate of population growth is much higher than that of hiring new workers. In the oral health sector, the critical shortage of Dentists is further aggravated by the lack of adequate supportive supervision for the health workers in practice and more critically, the lack of career ladder growth potential.

Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic and Student Affairs- Prof Charles Wafula



OUR PHILOSOPHY

The overall philosophy of the BDS program is embedded in the overall ethos of all medical training that is, " to produce a caring, knowledgeable, competent Dental Surgeon who is able, on graduation, to accept professional responsibility for the effective and safe care of patients and who appreciates the need for continuing professional development, who is able to utilize advances in relevant knowledge and techniques in dentistry in order to repair, enhance and prolong human life."

Dr Tom Ochola-Dean School of Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences



OUR MISSION

To advance oral health through excellent teaching, innovative research, community engagement and ethical practice.



OUR VISION

To be a leading School of Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences recognized for excellence in education, research and service.



OUR VALUES

- Integrity
- Excellence
- Compassion
- Innovation
- Teamwork



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