Frequently Asked Questions

1) How many places do you have?
29 places on the graduate only programme.

2) How many applicants do you usually get?
We receive approximately 260 applications each year.

3) How many do you interview?
We interview between 110 - 160 applicants each year.

4) When is the deadline for applications?
The last date for applications is the 15th October each year. All applications must be submitted via UCAS by 15th October. Applicants must also download, complete and return the ‘Verification of Prior Learning’ document to the Admissions Tutor at DentistryAPL@uclan.ac.uk by the 15th October. We are unable to consider any application submitted after this date.

5) What type of work experience is applicable?
We recommend a minimum of 2 weeks work experience in an NHS General Dental Practice. However, in general, the more work experience an applicant has the better their understanding is of dentistry as a career, as well as broadening their knowledge of current dental issues.

6) I'm not sure if my degree is relevant?
We are no longer able to provide a list of acceptable degrees. Please read the Verification of Prior Learning document in order for you to assess whether your degree is relevant.

7) I hold a 2.ii classification in my first degree; will an application be considered?
No. We are unable to consider any application if the applicant holds a 2.ii or 3rd classification.

8) Will a higher qualification such as a Masters help my application (I hold a 2.ii classification in my first degree)?
No. We are unable to consider any application if the applicant holds a 2.ii or 3rd classification.

9) Will a higher qualification such as a Masters help my application (I hold a 2.i classification in my first degree)?
A Masters degree will not directly influence the selection process but the experience may help you at interview.

10) I have a 1st class degree in a relevant subject; will this help my application?
A 1st class degree will not directly influence the selection process.

11) I hold a BDS degree from an overseas University; would my application be considered?
No. This degree would not be considered for the graduate entry programme.

12) My degree is not classified; would my application be considered?
Those with a degree that is not classified (for example, MBChB) should have achieved an overall grade of >60%.
13) I hold a Diploma in Dental Hygiene and Therapy; would my application be considered?
No. All applicants must hold at least a 2.1 BSc (Honours) degree in a relevant biomedical discipline.

14) I hold Scottish Highers; will they be considered?
No. Scottish Highers are considered comparable to AS-Level standard and Advanced Highers to A-Level standard. Therefore all applicants holding Scottish High School qualifications must hold 3 Advanced Highers including 2 science subjects from either Biology, Chemistry, Maths or physics, achieving a minimum of a grade C in each subject.

15) My A-Levels were a little low (for example, CCD); would my application be considered?
No. All applicants must fulfil all aspects of the minimum academic entry criteria; irrespective of any other qualifications (such as degree and higher qualifications).

16) I have 1 low GCSE (for example, English Language at grade C); would my application be considered?
No. All applicants must fulfil all aspects of the minimum academic entry criteria; irrespective of any other qualifications (such as degree and higher qualifications).

17) I am studying dentistry at another university; is it possible to transfer to UCLan?
No. We are unable to consider any request for transfer.

18) I am studying a degree at another university and wish to apply for dentistry without completing my degree; would my application be considered?
No. We are unable to consider any applicant who is enrolled on a degree programme and doesn’t intend on completing it. All applicants must either hold or be predicted to achieve at least a 2.1 BSc (Hons) degree in a relevant biomedical discipline.

19) I have studied an Access to Medicine and Dentistry course; would my application be considered?
No. We are unable to accept any Access qualifications in lieu of A-Levels.

20) I have studied BTEC and NVQ courses instead of A-Levels; would my application be considered?
No. We are unable to consider either BTEC or NVQ qualifications in lieu of A-Levels.

21) Do you consider degrees in Dental Technology, Dental Therapy and Nursing?
We will consider all applicants who meet all aspects of the entry requirements including a relevant upper second class Honours degree in a biomedical discipline. The applicant must be able to demonstrate that they have covered all relevant subjects listed within the Verification of Prior Learning document.

22) I hold non-UK qualifications. How are my qualifications assessed and compared to the UK requirements?
UK NARIC is used during the assessment of non-UK qualifications. We ask that all applicants holding non-UK qualifications initially submit a copy of the ‘UK NARIC Statement of Comparability’ along with copies of their transcript (a copy of the original and a copy of the English translation) to DentistryAPL@uclan.ac.uk These will then be used to assess how your qualifications compare to the UK GCSE, A-Level and degree requirements. You will be required to present original documentation if you are invited to attend the Entrance Assessment Exam. Details on how to apply for a UK NARIC Statement of Comparability can be found on the UK NARIC website at:
http://www.ecctis.co.uk/naric/individuals/Compare%20Qualifications/Statement%20of%20Comparability.aspx

23) Do I need to take the UKCAT or BMAT?
No. We do not consider the UKCAT or BMAT during the application process.

24) Do you accept resit qualifications?
Yes. Resit grades for A-Levels and GCSEs are considered, but only one resit attempt at each subject is considered.