THE FACULTY OF
DENTAL SURGERY
This brochure has been put together to highlight the excellent range of qualifications we offer within the College. They span across the whole profession, from DCP to general practitioner, and then onto specialist level. We are the only College that can offer that for you.

By taking one of these assessments, you will have proved to yourself and your patients that you are a highly skilled operator or in the case of our sister Faculty, the Faculty of Dental Trainers (FDT), a highly skilled trainer. The FDT is an option for Dental Nurses to become involved in the College.

You will (on successful completion of the exam) be able to use a recognised postnominal after your name from the oldest Royal College, with a Royal Charter granted by King James IV. You will also become part of the friendliest College, and one day perhaps even become an examiner yourself.

This year The RCSEd Faculty of Dental Surgery is introducing a new suite of open access Dental Diploma examination qualifications, set at level two of the published specialty guidelines (which translates to Tier 2). The new Diplomas will be accessible to all registered dentists, with no restrictive eligibility requirements.

The following sub-specialist Diplomas will be introduced to allow you to show your patients that you are skilled in a specific speciality, with the option to study more than one subject at a time.
SCALE THE SUMMIT OF YOUR DENTAL CAREER & FEEL SUPPORTED EVERY STEP WITH RCSEd

After graduation, pursuing a career in dentistry can involve taking several routes, be it as a General Dental Practitioner, a Specialist or a Consultant. RCSEd are here to help you shape your dental profession and offer you a wide range of resources, training, Membership Examinations and development opportunities.

Let RCSEd provide the right tools to help climb and succeed on the pathway:

- **Dental Affiliate package** to get you on the right track
- **Great online support** to help you along the way on your career journey
- **The College App** to help you reach the summit of success

I graduated in 2014 having taken part in the first Dental Clinical Skills Competition and completed Dental Foundation Training the following year. That year, I had the opportunity to attend the Midwinter Meeting in Chicago - an amazing experience. I now work as an Academic Clinical Fellow in Oral Pathology, which I really enjoy. I completed the MFDS exam and am now a member of RCSEd, an invaluable aid to my career.

More recently, I was awarded the first Faculty of Dental Surgery Grant for Education. This enabled me to complete a teaching qualification, again, this has been enormously beneficial in my current role.

Hannah Crane

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**DENTAL AFFILIATE NETWORK**

As well as being a valuable addition to your CV, affiliating to the Student, Pre-Membership or Dental Care Professionals’ Network gives you access to numerous benefits.

**Guide**

- **Opportunities** to get involved with the Faculty of Dental Surgery in key roles such as examiners, educational faculty and convenors, Regional and International Dental Ambassadors and Council Members
- **Free annual subscription** for successful applicants to the Faculty of Dental Trainers

**Discover**

- **Online discounts** for medical publishers including Oxford University Press, Wiley-Blackwell, Quintessence Publishing and Elsevier
- **Access to thousands of electronic journals** via the NHS Scotland Knowledge Network
- **Full current and historical information services** via our extensive library and archive resources, including a growing e-book platform
- **38 convenient and accessible exam centres** in the UK and around the world
- **Regular news digest, e-bulletins, newsletters** and quarterly editions of the award-winning Surgeons’ News, to which you can contribute

**Lead**

- **Membership** of a Faculty that is committed to supporting the professional and career development of the whole dental team, at all levels
- **First Royal College to offer a Membership in Advanced General Dental Surgery (MAGDS)**

**Support**

- **Professional support and advice** from Regional and International Dental Ambassadors
- **Pro-rata reductions** for maternity/paternity leave
- **Support for research** through our bursaries, fellowships and grants

We understand that while you are studying, embarking on your training or working towards your MFDS or specialty membership examinations, you need support from the College. The Affiliate Network will provide you with the professional guidance that you need during these critical times.

www.rcsed.ac.uk
THE MFDS EXAMS

The Diploma of Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery (MFDS) of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh is an internationally recognised dental qualification which demonstrates completion of foundation/basic postgraduate dental training.

**MFDS Part 1** is a three-hour examination comprising of 180 Single Best Answer (SBA) questions. This question paper is designed to test your knowledge and the deeper understanding and application of that knowledge in a clinical context.

**MFDS Part 2** assesses your communication skills and your understanding and management of a range of common conditions. The examination lasts around two hours and consists of 10 stations which are examined plus a number of rest stations.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SITTING THE MFDS WITH THE RCSED?

The College runs a series of MFDS Lectures, keep an eye on our Events and Courses pages for upcoming lectures.

- Exam available in various UK and international locations
- Dedicated dental faculties including the Faculty of Dental Surgery and Faculty of Dental Trainers

FIND OUT MORE AT [RCSED.AC.UK/MFDS](http://rcsed.ac.uk/MFDS)
FDS Education Strategy

AIMS:
- To improve direct engagement with current and new members
- To support them through relevant events, educational activities and benefits
- To engage members both in the UK and abroad through our comprehensive international strategy
- To increase collaboration with other Faculties to integrate oral health education into surgical and peri-operative training

KEY OBJECTIVES:
- To align the Dental Faculty Education Strategy with the overall RCSed Education Strategy
- To further develop the Dental Faculty Accreditation Programme
- To promote Oral Health as a vital component of Systemic and General Health Care and Wellbeing
- To expand on-line and face to face educational resources for new and existing members and fellows
- To collaborate with the Dental Examinations Team to produce on-line resources to support potential exam applicants
- To collaborate with our International Dental Ambassador network to ensure that our international educational programmes meet their local needs for continuing professional development and career advancement

SPECIALITY MEMBERSHIP EXAMS

- Membership in Orthodontics
- Membership in Endodontics
- Membership in Prosthodontics
- Membership in Periodontics
- Tri-Collegiate Membership in Oral Surgery
- Tri-Collegiate Membership in Paediatric Dentistry
- Tri-Collegiate Membership Special Care Dentistry

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH
The Faculty of Dental Surgery
WE ARE WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, WITH COMPLIMENTARY COLLEGE AFFILIATION

Early career members of who have not yet undertaken the MFDS Examination now have the opportunity to become Dental Affiliates of the Faculty of Dental Surgery (FDS) at RCSEd, free of charge for one year, giving them access to FDS RCSEd membership benefits, including career and educational support.

RCSEd hope that the benefits of this affiliation will help to support you during your career progression.

For us to process your complimentary 1 YEAR affiliation you will need to complete two simple steps:

JOIN US TODAY IN 2 STEPS

1. **Do you have an RCSEd account?**
   
   **NO?** Create a College account on our website, follow this [link](#) and ensure you complete the key information. Note down your 6-digit College reference number from the 'My Profile' section of the College web site once complete.

   **YES?** Note down your 6-digit College reference number from the 'My Profile' section of the College web site and follow step 2.

2. **Activate your one-year complimentary affiliation**
   
   **CLICK HERE** and complete the Survey Monkey information request (you will need your 6-digit College reference number for this). You will then receive a welcome email from the Membership team and details of how to access your affiliate member benefits.

   *Please allow 10 working days after submittion for applications to be processed*