Smile-on: New Post-Graduate Programme Reveals the Future of Dental Learning

The latest in new media and online technology is shaping the future of education for UK dentistry. With the launch of the first online post-graduate degree programme, revolutionary new learning systems combined with the latest advances in technology offer dental professionals an outstanding opportunity to develop skills and gain excellent qualifications – wherever in the world they might be.

Online technology offers a host of cutting edge options when it comes to learning. Leading organisations are embracing the exciting possibilities of delivering more convenient, flexible and innovative programmes. The ability to cross international boundaries and bring the world’s best minds together will promote progress in research and evidence-based development, raising the bar in terms of academic and clinical standards to the benefit of dentists and patients alike.

Smile-on has united with one of the world’s leading academic institutions, the University of Manchester, to introduce the new 2-year part-time MSc course in Restorative and Aesthetic Dentistry and the ultra-modern approach indicates the future of how healthcare qualifications may well be gained.

The majority of the course will be accessed online, promoting self-motivation and a responsible approach to learning, empowering students to take control of their own progress and revealing the exciting direction of state-of-the-art education. Standing out as a truly special, world-class programme, the MSc invites students to attend residential gatherings in various venues across the international community. Interactive distance learning opens such possibilities up to students around the globe, attracting simply the very best calibre with major learning resources such as the Webinar, which has revolutionised the learning process.

Allowing students access to leading figures at the forefront of clinical excellence and expertise, Webinars enable flexible participation from students, taking part via a computer or laptop in a location of their choice. Interjections can be made and pointed out at the discretion of the facilitator. Students can also replay the Webinar to go over points again, ensuring that they gain the most from each session. The facility to become involved in seminar discussions with some of the world’s finest practitioners of Restorative and Aesthetic dentistry is sure to enrich the experience for everyone involved.

Other vital content will include intuitive, enjoyable and content-rich learning programmes provided by Smile-on, enabling the course to achieve the perfect synergy of online, face-to-face and practical hands-on elements.

Students can enjoy a truly global, multi-ethnic experience, discussing ideas and experiences with peers around the world. As well as building lasting friendships, they will also become part of a wide network of professional excellence, meeting likeminded individuals and sharing their commitment and dedication to exemplary dental treatment.

Quality of content is paramount. The MSc in Restorative and Aesthetic Dentistry for instance is packed with 42 informative and rewarding modules spread across 7 core units, which are:

- Unit 1: Foundations of 21st Century Practice – covering anatomy, basic disease processes, imaging and radiology, and more
- Unit 2: Aesthetic Considerations – covering clinical photography, facially-driven treatment planning, medico-legal aspects and more
- Unit 3: Anterior Aesthetics – covering aesthetic recontouring, anterior direct composite, bleaching, bridges, crowns and more
- Unit 4: Posterior Aesthetics – covering bridges, crowns, direct composite, inlays and onlays
- Unit 5: Complex Treatment – covering delivery of complex cases, fixed replacement, interdisciplinary treatment, tooth loss and more
- Unit 6: Research Methodology – covering research methodology and statistics
- Unit 7: Research Project/ Dissertation

For more information on the MSc in Restorative and Aesthetic Dentistry from Smile-on and Manchester University, launching May 2009, please call 00 44 (0) 27400 8989 or email info@smile-on.com

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