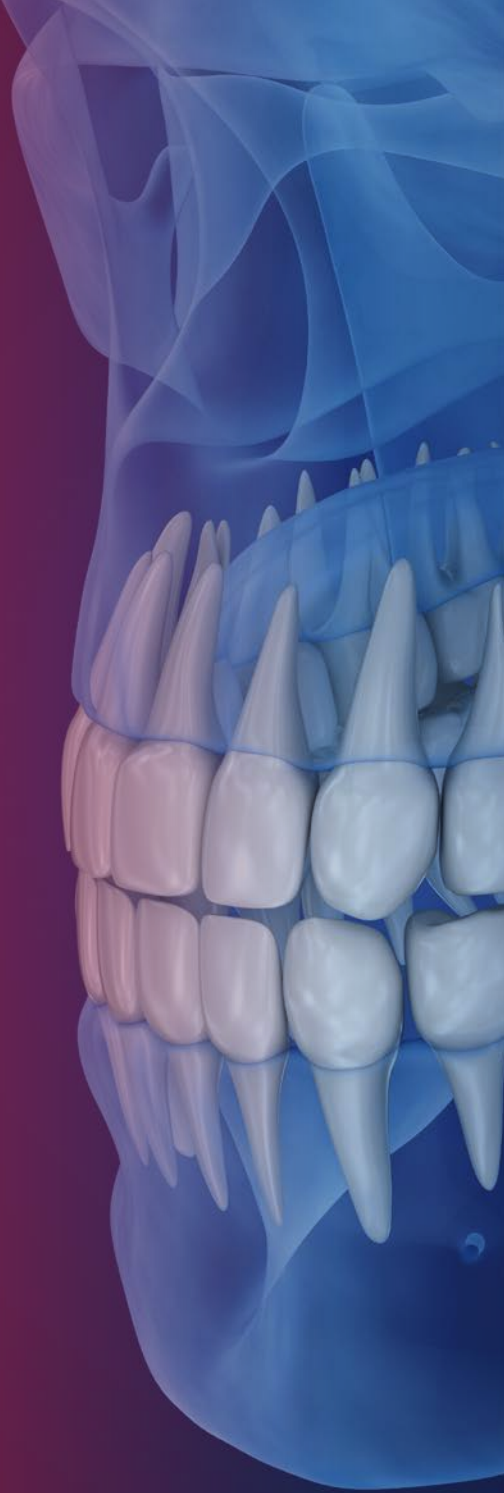




**RCSEd**  
*FDS*

**THE FACULTY OF  
DENTAL  
SURGERY**

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# WE ARE WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, WITH COMPLIMENTRY COLLEGE AFFILIATION

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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:

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## 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.

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

# SCALE THE SUMMIT OF YOUR DENTAL

## CAREER JOURNEY - WITH RCSEd'S SUPPORT

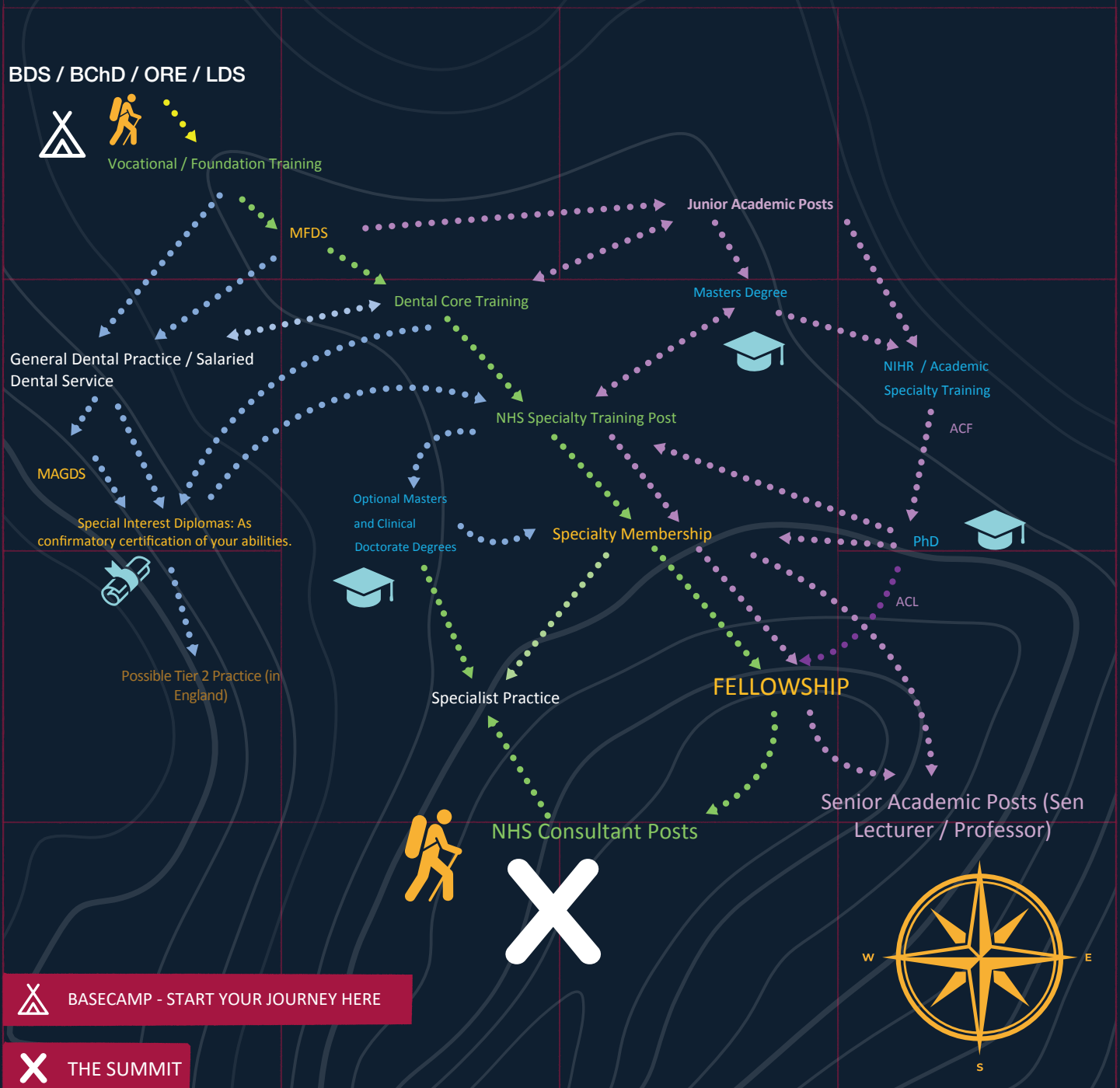
### EVERY STEP OF THE WAY



After graduation, pursuing a career in dentistry can involve taking several routes to your destination, be it as a General Dental Practitioner, a salaried service practitioner, a Specialist or a Consultant in the NHS or Universities. RCSEd is/are here to help you shape your dental career progression and offers you a wide range of resources for training, Membership and Fellowship 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 on-line support to help you along the way on your career journey
- The College App – Includes the tools, information and equipment you need to help you reach the summit of success



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# HOW CAN RCSED HELP YOU REACH THE PEAK OF YOUR CAREER JOURNEY AND ANCHOR FOR SUCCESS?

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## RESOURCES FOR YOUR MFDS SUCCESS

We are here to support your clinical development through MFDS and Beyond. The MFDS is an internationally recognised dental qualification which demonstrates completion of foundation/basic postgraduate dental training. It enables dental graduates to demonstrate the acquisition of knowledge, understanding and clinical competence that will have been obtained during Dental Foundation Training. It marks a level of achievement above and beyond the primary dental qualification and clearly exhibits an early commitment to professional development. If you aspire to enter specialty training, it will also provide a significant contribution to your portfolio of evidence that would be required to indicate suitable eligibility.

### PART 1 OF THE MFDS

A written examination testing the range of knowledge and understanding that underpins direct patient care. It is a three-hour examination comprising of 200 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.

### PART 2 OF THE MFDS

An Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), designed to test your clinical competence by assessing your communication skills and your knowledge, understanding and management of a range of common conditions. The examination normally lasts around two hours and consists of 10 stations which are examined plus several rest stations.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL DETAILS](#)



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# PROVIDING YOU WITH THE RIGHT TOOLS, WHEN YOU NEED THEM MOST

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- ✘ **Elevate your knowledge** - Practice answers for the written part of the MFDS examination with the aid of our preparation questions.
- ✘ **Assess your challenge** - Browse our collection of MFDS part 2 preparation videos and learn how to deal with situational tasks in the second part of the exam.
- ✘ **Prepare to scale to the pinnacle** - Ensure you're prepared for success with our discounted rates for the MFDS part 2 course.
- ✘ **Be prepared for the terrain** - Learn in your own time from our MFDS Webinar series, including past sessions within our archive.
- ✘ **Obtain a lay of the land** - The exam is available in various UK and International locations.

Celebrate reaching this summit in your career with an MFDS celebratory bonus! Upon passing both part 1 and 2 of the MFDS with RCSEd, we'll give you a complimentary 1-night stay at our College Hotel Ten Hill Place with breakfast included. \*T&Cs apply.

[rcsed.ac.uk](https://rcsed.ac.uk)





# WELCOME

As Dean of the Dental Faculty, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, founded in 1505.

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.

**Professor Philip Taylor**  
RCSEd Dental Dean

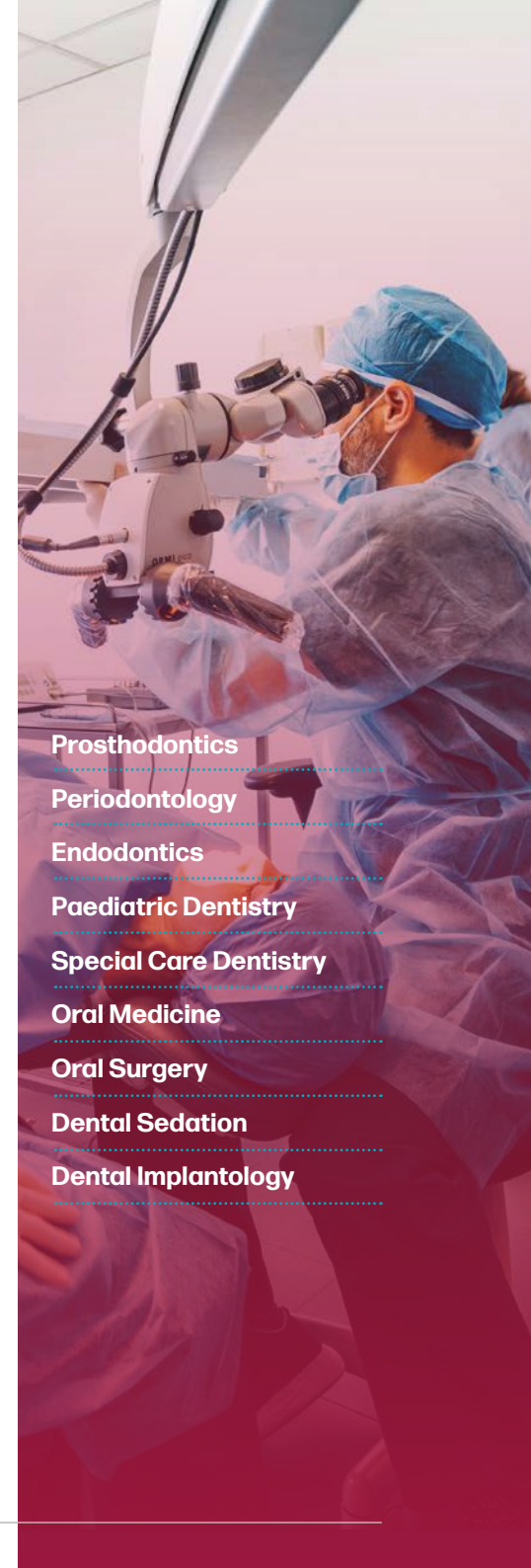


## IF YOU'RE A GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER WITH AN INTEREST IN THE DENTAL SPECIALITIES, THIS COULD BE FOR YOU.

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.

**FIND OUT MORE AT**  
[RCSED.AC.UK/NEWDENTALDIPLOMAS](http://RCSED.AC.UK/NEWDENTALDIPLOMAS)



**Prosthodontics**

**Periodontology**

**Endodontics**

**Paediatric Dentistry**

**Special Care Dentistry**

**Oral Medicine**

**Oral Surgery**

**Dental Sedation**

**Dental Implantology**

# SCALE THE SUMMIT OF YOUR DENTAL CAREER & FEEL SUPPORTED EVERY STEP WITH RCSED

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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



## 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.

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.

### 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

- **Range of discounts** at our hotel, food outlets and events services
- **Discounted rates** on relevant courses and events
- **Access to a growing e-learning portfolio** (including lectures, webinars and Acland's Video Atlas of Human Anatomy)

### 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

# 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

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BDS / BChD / ORE / LDS



General Dental Practice / Salaried Dental Service

MAGDS



Possible Tier 2 Practice (in England)

**X** BASECAMP - START YOUR JOURNEY HERE

**X** THE SUMMIT

Vocational / Foundation Training

MFDS

Dental Core Training

Junior Academic Posts

Masters Degree

NiHR / Academic  
Specialty Training

ACF

NHS Specialty Training Post

Specialty Membership

PhD

ACL

Specialist Practice

**FELLOWSHIP**

NHS Consultant Posts

Senior Academic Posts (Sen  
Lecturer / Professor)





# 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

## 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**



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