

# DR. GERALD NIZNICK COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

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## The Profession of Dentistry

The Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry is dedicated to educating dental, dental hygiene and graduate students in a progressive learning environment, conducting research in oral health, and serving the community and the oral health professions as a source of knowledge and expertise. The college serves as a bridge between the fundamental scientific foundation of the profession and its translation into health care for the public. Dentists enhance and promote the total health of patients through oral health management. Dentists are concerned with promoting oral health and preventing and alleviating the effects of oral diseases and conditions in order to contribute to the well-being of their patients.

The curriculum is designed to ensure that students graduate as competent dentists prepared to meet the oral health care needs of their patients. It provides the knowledge of basic biomedical, behavioural and clinical sciences and biomaterials, the cognitive and behavioural skills, and the professional and ethical values necessary for practice as a dental professional.

Information on the Dental Hygiene program is in the chapter, School of Dental Hygiene (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/>).

## National Examining Body

Graduates of this college are required to sit a written examination and an objective structured clinical examination during the calendar year of their graduation, administered by the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (<https://ndeb-bned.ca/en/>). The NDEB certification granted to graduates who pass these examinations, entitles them to apply for a license to practice in all provinces of Canada. The provinces of Ontario and Quebec have additional requirements. For information contact:

The Registrar, National Dental Examining Board  
80 Elgin Street, 2nd Floor  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6R2  
Telephone (613) 236 5912  
E-mail: [director@ndeb.ca](mailto:director@ndeb.ca)

## Licensing Requirements

A graduate of the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry, who has received NDEB certification, is entitled to apply to the Manitoba Dental Association (<https://www.manitobadentist.ca/>) to obtain a license to practice within the province of Manitoba. For information on licensing requirements and the application process please contact:

The Registrar, Manitoba Dental Association  
202 - 1735 Corydon Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3N 0K4;

Telephone (204) 988 5300  
E-mail: [office@manitobadentist.ca](mailto:office@manitobadentist.ca)

## Other Licensing Bodies

For regulations governing licensure in other areas (e.g., other provinces, the United States), candidates are advised to write the licensing body in the province/state in which they are interested.

## Programs

Degree/Diploma	Years to Completion	Total Credit Hours	Has Co-op Option
Dental Medicine, D.M.D. ( <a href="https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/health-sciences/dentistry/dental-medicine-dmd/">https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/health-sciences/dentistry/dental-medicine-dmd/</a> )	4	154	
Dental Medicine, D.M.D. International 2 (plus 8 week summer orientation) Dentists Degree Program (IDDP) ( <a href="https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/health-sciences/dentistry/dental-medicine-dmd-international-dentists-degree-program/">https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/health-sciences/dentistry/dental-medicine-dmd-international-dentists-degree-program/</a> )	2 (plus 8 week summer orientation)	74	
Dentistry, B.Sc. Dent ( <a href="https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/health-sciences/dentistry/dentistry-bscdent/">https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/health-sciences/dentistry/dentistry-bscdent/</a> )	2 summers (normally commencing after first year)		

## Faculty Academic Regulations

### Admission Requirements

#### Doctor of Dental Medicine

Minimum time to graduation: Six years (University 1, plus one year in the Faculty of Science or Arts or Extended Education; or 2 years in the Faculty of Science or Arts; plus four years in the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry).

The following is a summary of the admission requirements. Equivalent academic courses completed at recognized universities elsewhere will be considered. All admission requirements, as well as application deadline dates and forms, are included in an application bulletin that is available from on the university's website (dentistry). ([https://umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/media/dentistry\\_bulletin.pdf](https://umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/media/dentistry_bulletin.pdf))

Minimum 60 credit hours of pre-Dentistry study including:

Course	Title	Hours
BIOL 1020 & BIOL 1030	Biology 1: Principles and Themes and Biology 2: Biological Diversity, Function and Interactions	6
Select one of the following:		6
CHEM 1100 & CHEM 1110	Introductory Chemistry 1: Atomic and Molecular Structure and Energetics and Introductory Chemistry 2: Interaction, Reactivity, and Chemical Properties <sup>1</sup>	
and		
CHEM 1120	Introduction to Chemistry Techniques	3
CHEM 2100 & CHEM 2110	Organic Chemistry 1: Foundations of Organic Chemistry and Organic Chemistry 2: Foundations of Organic Synthesis <sup>1</sup>	6
and		
CHEM 2122	Experimental Organic Chemistry	3
CHEM 2700 & CHEM 2710	Biochemistry 1: Biomolecules and an Introduction to Metabolic Energy and Biochemistry 2: Catabolism, Synthesis, and Information Pathways <sup>1</sup>	6
and		
CHEM 2720	Principles and Practices of the Modern Biochemistry Laboratory	3
Select one of the following:		6
PHYS 1020 & PHYS 1030	General Physics 1 and General Physics 2	
PHYS 1050 & PHYS 1070	Physics 1: Mechanics and Physics 2: Waves and Modern Physics	
6 credit hours of English (taught through the English Department, usually with ENGL prefix)		6
6 credit hours of Humanities/Social Sciences, which must be in the non-applied sciences or non-pure sciences		6
The remaining 3 full year courses or 6 half year courses are your electives. We do not recommend specific courses.		18
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>69</b>

<sup>1</sup> The former CHEM 1300 and CHEM 1310 in combination can be used in lieu of CHEM 1100 and CHEM 1110 and CHEM 1120. Students having completed only CHEM 1300 must complete CHEM 1110 and CHEM 1120 to fulfill the Introductory Chemistry requirement.

The former CHEM 2210 and CHEM 2220 in combination can be used in lieu of CHEM 2100 and CHEM 2110 and CHEM 2122. Students having completed only CHEM 2210 must complete CHEM 2110 and CHEM 2122 to fulfill the Organic Chemistry requirement.

The former CHEM 2360 and CHEM 2370 in combination can be used in lieu of CHEM 2700 and 2710 and 2720. Students having completed only CHEM 2360 must complete CHEM 2710 and 2720 to fulfill the Biochemistry requirement.

The designation of Humanities/Social Science courses can be found on the Faculty of Arts website

All science courses must include the laboratory component.

#### Other Requirements

High school prerequisites: Chemistry 40S, Pre-Calculus Mathematics 40S or Applied Mathematics 40S, Physics 40S and Biology 40S.

The 6 credit hours of English satisfies the written English requirement; the mathematics requirement must be met in the first 60 credit hours even though it is not a specific admissions requirement (PHYS 1020(M) meets the mathematics "M" requirement).

The English Canadian Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) must be written no later than November prior to the application deadline. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective date June 30, 2021

A personal interview is required.

Admission is competitive.

Information on the admission process may be accessed through the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry website (<https://umanitoba.ca/healthsciences/dentistry/>) or by visiting the Admission website (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/undergraduate-admissions/apply/>).

Selection criteria: Grades (AGPA), interview and DAT score equally weighted.

Students should be aware that if admitted they must provide an official Adult Criminal Record Check (including Vulnerable Persons Screening), an Adult Abuse Registry Check <sup>1</sup> and a Child Abuse Registry Check <sup>1</sup> as well as a signed acknowledgement of the *Essential Skills and Abilities for Admission, Promotion and Graduation in the DMD Program* document prior to registration. Please refer to College Academic Regulations. (p. 3)

<sup>1</sup> The College will provide further information on the application process (to be completed through the College).

#### Bachelor of Science in Dentistry

In addition to the basic professional degree, the college offers the Bachelor of Science in Dentistry degree to interested **dental students** wishing to undertake research during their undergraduate program. The program is designed to assure that participation in it will not interfere with the student's dental degree. Through active participation in a research program, the students will be given the opportunity to develop skills in applying scientific knowledge to dental practice and an interest in dental research. In addition, the program will serve as a preparatory step for entry into various graduate programs. Information on admission to this program is available from the Dean's Office and through the Dr.

Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry website. (<https://umanitoba.ca/healthsciences/dentistry/>)

### International Dentist Degree Program (IDDP)

The Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry, University of Manitoba, offers the International Dentist Degree Program (IDDP) to graduates of international dental programs that are not accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada. After a summer orientation program, students enter the 3rd year of the regular dental program of the College. Upon satisfactory completion of the 3rd and 4th years of the dental program, IDDP participants will be awarded the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree. All graduates of DMD programs in Canada, once having passed the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) examinations, are eligible for licensure/registration as a dentist in all provinces in Canada.

Requirement to the IDDP program can be found at the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry website (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/international-dentist-degree-program-iddp/>).

Please note that there are two tracks which may be applied to.

Should you have specific questions that cannot be answered from the above website, please call the IDDP Coordinator at (204) 977-5611.

## College Academic Regulations

All students are asked to note that some academic policies and regulations are under review and are subject to change. Please check the Web Calendar at [umanitoba.ca](http://umanitoba.ca) for updated information.

**Limited Access (see University Policy and Procedures-Limited Access section 2.5 (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/policies-procedures/repeated-course-policy/#Limited%20Access>) will not affect registration for the 2022-2023 (including Summer Term 2023).**

The provisions of the chapter, General Academic Regulations and Requirements (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/general-academic-regulations/>), and the chapter, University Policies (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/policies-procedures/>), apply to all students. In addition, the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry has regulations and requirements, published below that apply specifically to its students.

The Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry expects all students to participate fully in their educational experience. This means participation above and beyond the requirements of individual courses. For example, as a part of their clinical experiences, all students must learn skills of a clinical nature, such as local anesthesia, rubber dam placement, etc. Our teaching approach includes having students practice these skills on each other. All students are expected to participate in these activities.

Further, the college has an expectation of all students that they are aware of and maintain attitudes and behaviours which exhibit a level of professionalism, empathy, and consideration of all members of their community, including faculty, staff, students or patients, similar to what is expected of an oral health practitioner.

The following policies have been adopted by the College to aid students in understanding the value the College places on these conducts/ behaviours.

### Essential Skills and Abilities for Admission, Promotion and Graduation in the DMD Program

As an accredited Canadian dental program, the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba is responsible for providing a program of study that ensures graduates have the necessary qualifications (academic knowledge, clinical skills, and professional behaviors and attitudes) to enter the regulated profession of Dentistry in Canada. Becoming and being a dentist requires a wide range of highly specialized skills and abilities. Some of these are taught in dental school, while others must be brought by the individual as an innate set of essential skills and abilities. The criteria for becoming registered/ licensed as a dentist in Canada requires a level of motor skills and other attributes that are not necessary in other professional occupations. Similarly, the ability to provide reasonable accommodation for special learning needs in dentistry may not be the same as it is for other academic programs.

It is important to note that an offer of admission to the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry is not evidence that the dental program has verified that an applicant has the prerequisite skills and abilities for success in the program or in obtaining future professional licensure. However, these skills and abilities are essential if students are to be successful in achieving the competency standards of the profession.

For progression in, and graduation, from the dental program, all students must conduct themselves in a professional manner, and must have the Essential Skills and Abilities (Technical Standards) discussed under the following five broad areas: Observation/perception; Communication; Motor/tactile function; Cognition; Emotional functioning

All applicants to the undergraduate program of the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry are expected to review *The Essential Skills and Abilities for Admission, Promotion and Graduation in the DMD Program* document to assess their ability to meet these standards; all applicants offered admission will be required to acknowledge such review and assessment. Any candidate for the DMD degree who cannot demonstrate the required skills and abilities throughout their course of study may be requested to withdraw from the program.

Detailed information for the above policy, please refer to this link ([https://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health\\_sciences/dentistry/dentalhygiene/student\\_governance.html](https://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/dentistry/dentalhygiene/student_governance.html)).

### Policy on Student Attendance

The Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry has a social mandate to ensure that graduating dentists are caring, skilled healthcare providers who are worthy of the public trust endowed upon them. In fulfilling this mandate, the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry has developed comprehensive programs of education and experience to ensure that graduates meet these high expectations. Unlike non-professional education programs, where students can pick and choose their education and experiences based on personal preferences, Dental School requires students to attend and participate actively in all components of the program.

While students are required to complete assignments and pass examinations, these are not considered to be equivalent to attending Dental School. When the University confers the DMD degree, it attests to society not only that the student has shown successful examination performance, but that the student has participated in the entire educational experience defined by the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry and has thereby demonstrated an appropriate level of professional learning and responsibility.

Students at the University of Manitoba, Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry, are required to attend all scheduled classes, examinations, small group sessions, laboratories, pre-clinical labs, and clinics unless expressly indicated otherwise by the course coordinator in the course outline/syllabus.

Students are required to be on time for all scheduled classes, examinations, small group sessions, laboratories, and pre-clinical labs. Students arriving more than 10-minutes late will be recorded as absent.

Students who do not comply with the Student Attendance Policy will face academic consequences.

Detailed information for the above policy, please refer to the Dean's Office, Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry (Susan.Petras@umanitoba.ca).

### **Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry/School of Dental Hygiene Professional Unsuitability By-Law**

Students must at all times demonstrate suitability for the dental profession. In this regard students are obligated to act with integrity and diligence in carrying out their professional responsibilities, and their behaviour and conduct in relation to others must be characterized by consideration, respect and good faith.

The Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry may require a student to withdraw from the College when the student has been found unsuited for the practices of dentistry or dental hygiene because the student has been found to have engaged in unprofessional behaviour. A student may be required to withdraw at any time throughout the academic year.

Grounds which may require withdrawal are: demonstrated behaviour which is exploitive, irresponsible, intentionally injurious or destructive to patients; and/or compromised professional judgment through self-interest and/or conflict of interest; and/or an acquired criminal conviction, either in Canada or any other jurisdiction, which is of such a nature as to place in question his/her fitness for the dental professions; and/or participation in any activity related to patient care or any activity related to the practice of the dental professions while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or while abusing prescription drugs; and/or engaging in behaviour or conduct that if engaged in by a practising dentist/dental hygienist would likely result in disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of the license to practise, by the Manitoba Dental Association or the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba.

Detailed information for the above policy, please contact the Dean's Office, Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry. ( susan.petras@umanitoba.ca)

### **Criminal Record/Adult Abuse Registry/Child Abuse Registry**

An adult criminal record, an adult abuse registry and a child abuse registry self-declaration will be required of all applicants at the time of application. A formal Adult Criminal Record Check (including vulnerable sector screening), a formal Adult Abuse Registry Check and a formal Child Abuse Registry Check are required at the time of registration (prior to the first day of classes), and annually thereafter keeping in accordance with existing policies of other health, education and social service programs at the University of Manitoba.

Failure to provide these documents may impact on registration and a student's ability to progress in the Dental program.

### **Immunization and Blood Borne Diseases Policy**

The Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene maintain comprehensive immunization requirements to protect the

wellbeing of our students and the health of patients and communities with whom they will have contact during their curriculum.

All students enrolled in the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry must have immunity demonstrated against the following diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox), and hepatitis B. Students need to undergo testing for tuberculosis (TB) infection, unless the student already has a past history of TB infection or TB disease documented. Students must receive yearly influenza vaccinations. Students who cannot receive certain immunizations due to allergies or pregnancy must provide a physician's certificate stating this.

Before the first day of classes, all students must complete and return the University of Manitoba Immune Status Consent Form, as provided by the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry Dean's Office. Please note that any supplemental immunization documentation provided to support this document and/or any future submissions of immunization materials must be signed by a physician or nurse. All students are responsible for updating their immunizations as needed.

Students **will not be permitted to attend clinics** until all immunization requirements are satisfied.

For the collection and management of student immunization records, the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry/School of Dental Hygiene partner with the Rady Faculty of Health Science Immunization Program. The Director of Immunizations and the Program Assistant collect and organize immunization data as well as provide immunization services to students at the Bannatyne campus.

All students are expected to comply with the requirements of the Rady Faculty of Health Science Immunization Program which may change from time to time due to the immunization requirements of external health care facilities where students will be expected to attend as a part of their dental/dental hygiene program.

The Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry is compliant with the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD) Guidelines for Infectious Disease and Healthcare Workers document and its recommendations regarding barring students from clinical activities who do not meet these guidelines. Further information on the ACFD guidelines can be found on the web site (<https://acfd.ca/>).

Any student applicant with an infectious disease should either delay their application to the program or disclose this information upon being accepted into the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry. Should a student who has been accepted into the program but has been found to be unable to meet the immunization requirements/guidelines, every effort will be made to accommodate the student until the guidelines are met. In some cases, it may be necessary to suspend or terminate the student from the program if it is shown that the immunization requirements/guidelines are unable to be met.

### **CPR Certification**

Accepted candidates will be required to show proof of CPR (Health Care Provider level) certification by September 15 of each year. This certification must be maintained on a yearly basis up to the date of graduation. CPR Certification levels accepted by the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry are:

- Canadian Red Cross: ACLS (Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support for Health Care Providers)

- Heart & Stoke Association: BLS for HCP + AED
- St. John Ambulance: Health Care Provider Level C and AED

## PHIA

Students are required to maintain confidentiality of patient records and abide by PHIA (Personal Health Information Act) legislation which governs and controls the sharing of personal health information. Students will be required to attend a PHIA orientation and sign a pledge of confidentiality in their first year of the program. This orientation includes content that satisfies PHIA requirements for student participation at external clinical sites under the direction of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA).

## Sharing of Student Personal Information

Once admitted to the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry, University of Manitoba, students' personal information is protected by FIPPA (Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Act) legislation. However, prior to first registration, some personal information (name, e-mail, photo) is shared with external partners to facilitate student involvement. Please see further information below:

## Mentorship Program

In a partnership between the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry and the Manitoba Dental Association (MDA), first year Dental students are assigned a Mentor who is a member of the MDA and a practicing Dentist within the community. Each year, the MDA holds a "Welcome to the Profession" dinner where incoming students are invited to meet their Mentors. Students will then attend two to four Mentorship meetings each year throughout the four year program. The Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry provides the names, e-mail (U of M) and photographs of all first year Dental students to MDA personnel for the purpose of facilitating student participation in the Mentorship program.

## Vital Source Textbook Database

Dentistry student's text books are accessible through an electronic textbook database called Vital Source. In order to provide all Dentistry students with access to their text books, the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry will provide Vital Source with the names and e-mail (U of M) of all students for the purpose of authenticating users and providing access to their on-line content.

## Manitoba Dental Students Association/Manitoba Dental Hygiene Students Association

Students in the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry/School of Dental Hygiene become members of and are represented by the Manitoba Dental Students Association/Manitoba Dental Hygiene Students Association. These Associations provide student representation on College/School and University Committees as well as represent students on various external organizations (CDA/MDA/MDHA, etc.). The Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry/School of Dental Hygiene provides the names, e-mail (U of M) and photographs of all first year Dental and Dental Hygiene students with the respective student Associations for the purpose of facilitating student participation.

Student information will not be used or disclosed for other purposes, unless permitted by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). If you have any questions about the collection or use of your personal information, contact the:

Access & Privacy Office (tel. 204-474-9462)  
233 Elizabeth Dafoe Library  
University of Manitoba  
Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2

## Instruments Computers and Textbook

Students entering the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry must own or purchase a PC laptop computer (the College only supports PC's given the software used in our clinical facilities) that is compliant with University computer standards (see Bookstore - Computers on Campus for annual listing) and Vital Source Technology software requirements (see Vital source (<https://www.vitalsource.com/en-ca/>) for details). The expenditure of a computer may range approximately from \$1000 to \$4000 within the first year of the program. The Vital Source Technologies cost is approximately \$1450 per year for DMD and \$2050 per year for IDDP. These fees will be assessed annually on students accounts under "Electronic Textbook Fee".

Students are responsible for Clinical Instrument Fees which represent the cost of dental instruments and supplies required for clinical education. These fees will be assessed annually on student accounts under "Clinic Instrument Fee". These instruments and supplies are the property of students and are retained by the students after graduation. It is the students' responsibility to maintain the condition of their instruments and stay within allotted supply levels. Any damaged/lost instruments or excessive use of supplies may result in additional charges to students. Over the 4 years of the DMD program, the clinic instrument fees will amount to approximately \$13,500 (\$15,300 for the IDDP program). Note that the above noted fee totals are based on previous year amounts and are subject to change.

The college is unable to provide refunds for clinical instrument or electronic textbook fees and will not accept returns of any student computer software (including Vital Source Technologies), clinical instruments or other items, should a student leave the college for whatever reason and upon graduation.

## Voluntary Withdrawal

Students intending to withdraw from a portion or all of their courses must report immediately in person or in writing to the Dean's Office. No fees will be refunded without the authorization of the dean. **Please Note: Computer Software, Clinical Instrument fees and/or Clinical Instrument items are non-refundable.** See also the chapter on General Academic Regulations and Requirements.

Students who withdraw from the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry without notice will be considered to have terminated their connection with the college. If a subsequent application for registration is approved, they will be required to conform to the rules and regulations, fee schedules, sequence of courses, etc., in effect at the time of such subsequent application.

In cases where a student is obliged to withdraw after the final date of withdrawal published in the Calendar because of ill health or other sufficient reasons, their cases will be considered by the dean of the college.

## Required Withdrawal

The Senate of the university has approved bylaws granting certain faculties, colleges and schools the authority to require a student to withdraw on the basis of unsuitability for the practice of the profession to which the program of study normally leads. Senate has approved such a bylaw for the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry. (p. 4)

Full policy information can be found on this page ([http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health\\_sciences/dentistry/students/1097.html.html](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/dentistry/students/1097.html.html)).

### Decisions Concerning Academic Promotions

The letter grade "D" is the lowest acceptable level of performance in each undergraduate course leading to the degree of D.M.D. when the work of any given year is being taken for the first time. (In the case of a repeated year, the minimum passing grade in each course is "C".)

A student who has a failing grade registered against them may not register for the program of the subsequent year, but may, at the discretion of Dental College Council, be permitted to repeat the failed year.

A minimum term GPA of 2.0 in each year is required to qualify a student for standing in that year.

A student who fails to obtain a minimum term GPA of 2.0 and who is not granted supplemental privileges will be considered to have failed the year.

Except by special permission of Dental College Council, no student may repeat more than one year in Dentistry, nor may any year be repeated more than once.

The work requirements of any repeated year may be modified, even increased, at the discretion of the Dental College Council.

The passing grade in each course of a repeated year in Dentistry is "C".

If a student receives an "F" grade in a fourth year clinical course, they will be required to register and pay a fee for the entire repeated year, and the work in that year may be modified or even increased by Dental College Council.

### Incomplete Standing in the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry

The incomplete "I (F)" designation is restricted to clinical courses.

Successful completion of clinical course requirements is through extended clinics rather than supplemental assessment.

A student who is unable to complete the quantitative clinical requirements in a course by the end of the academic year may apply for an incomplete grade classification ["I (F)"] and extension of time. Details of this application procedure can be obtained from the College.

### Supplemental Examinations

A "Supplemental Examination" is an examination which may be offered as a privilege to a student who has failed a course or failed to achieve a satisfactory result. Such examinations are offered in order to grant the student an opportunity to rectify the inadequacy without repeating the course.

Information on Supplemental Examinations can be found in the, General Academic Regulations (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/general-academic-regulations/>).

The following information regarding the policy of supplemental examination privilege is specific to the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry:

Supplemental examinations are permitted for all courses **except those in which remediation is not realistically feasible (pre-clinical and/or clinical courses are not eligible for supplemental examination)**.

The student will be notified in a letter from the Dean's Office if they are granted this examination privilege by Dental College Council. A student who is granted supplemental privileges is obliged to sit the examination at the soonest opportunity prior to the start of the next academic session.

The student must contact their Course Coordinator within 14 days of the date the notification letter from the Dean's Office to schedule a date to write their supplemental examination.

A student in first, third or fourth year who has failed in not more than two courses, at the regular final examinations of any year, or who fails to obtain a sessional (combined fall & winter GPA) grade point average of 2.0 for all courses taken by them, may, at the discretion of Dental College Council, be awarded the privilege of one or two supplemental examinations.

A student in second year who has failed in not more than three courses, or who failed to obtain a sessional (combined fall & winter GPA) grade point average of 2.0 for all courses taken by them, may, at the discretion of Dental College Council, be awarded the privilege of one, two or three supplemental examinations.

If a student has any failures they must have a minimum sessional (combined fall & winter GPA) grade point average of 2.0, including the failure(s), in order to qualify for supplemental privileges.

If a student has no failures but fails to obtain a minimum sessional (combined fall & winter GPA) grade point average of 2.0, that student may be eligible for supplemental privileges.

When students are allowed to write supplemental examinations for the purpose of raising their sessional (combined fall & winter GPA) grade point average to the minimum standard of 2.0, Dental College Council will specify the courses in which the student may write supplemental examinations. For the purpose of calculating such a student's cumulative grade point average, grade points attained in supplemental examinations will replace the grade points previously attained in the same course. Students are normally required to carry a full-time program in order to be eligible for supplemental privileges.

The passing grade in supplemental examinations is "C" in each course. A student failing a supplemental examination will be considered to have failed the year. A student may only write a supplemental once in any course; otherwise the course must be repeated.

### Honours and Awards

Dean's Honour List: awarded to students in each year of the dental program who have achieved a minimum sessional (fall & winter term combined) G.P.A. of 3.8.

To qualify for Graduation with Honours, a candidate for the D.M.D. degree must qualify for the Dean's Honour List in both third and fourth year.

A student who repeats a year at their own request, i.e., not at the request of Dental College Council, is not eligible for the Dean's Honour List or to receive any awards for the work in that repeated year.

The following policy applies to the eligibility of part-time students for academic awards: in allocating any award, the only academic performance of a student to be considered is that attained during the year(s) for which the award is made. Therefore, a part-time student is not eligible for any purely academic award, other than one in an individual course. However, a part-time student who is carrying 80 per cent or more of the normal course load for the year is eligible for any award where conditions other than academic merit apply, and further, subject to the provisions set forth above, any part-time student is eligible for any award in the individual courses taken in the year for which the award is made.

### **E-Mail Accounts**

All students are expected to have an e-mail account with the University of Manitoba and check it regularly. The Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry does not support communications with its students through external e-mail addresses.

### **Financial Aid**

A number of loan and bursary funds are available to dental students. Applications and further information are available through the University of Manitoba's Financial Aid and Awards Office. (<https://umanitoba.ca/financial-aid-and-awards/>)

### **Registration Exceptions**

Upon receipt of initial (and annually thereafter) Criminal Record (including Vulnerable Sector Screening), Adult Abuse Registry Check and Child Abuse Registry Check, the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry completes registration for all students in their courses.

Students who have a failing grade/s registered against them and/or have other outstanding academic matters (i.e. deferred or supplemental examinations, modified program, etc.) in regards to the previous academic session will not be registered in the next ensuing academic session until all outstanding matters have been cleared. Students who fall into this category should contact the student advisor for further information.

A student advisor ([Susan.Petras@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Susan.Petras@umanitoba.ca)) is available in D113 Dental Building or by calling (204) 789-3484.