

Advanced Course in Fixed Prosthodontics (part II: Bridge)

Lecture/Lab./Clinic Academic year 1,2 credits 2,4

[Keywords] Oral cavity function, jaw function, dental occlusion, mastication, bridges, examination, treatment plan

[Academics] Morio Ochi

[Course aims]

The aim of this course is to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for practice of prosthodontic treatment with bridges through lectures and practical exercises. Additionally, students will gain experience by clinical training under the supervision of instructors, and learn the knowledge and techniques required for all steps of treatment from planning a bridge through to treatment and maintenance.

[Course objectives]

The goals of this course are for students to be able to:

1. Explain how to use various articulators.
2. Explain facebow transfer and the check-bite method.
3. Fabricate a provisional restoration (temporary crown and bridge).
4. Try in and seat a bridge.
5. Fabricate a three-unit fixed bridge.
6. Explain the factors involved in failure of a crown and bridge (breakage or loss)
7. Perform comprehensive fixed prosthodontic treatments tailored to a case.

[Course content]

Class	Theme	Content	Academics
1	Simulation of facebow transfer and the check-bite method and performing these in patients.		Morio Ochi
2	Simulation and actual preparation of a bridge for a patient.		Morio Ochi
3	Taking impressions and bite records from patients.		Morio Ochi
4	Fabrication of a provisional restoration (temporary crown/bridge) and deliver it to the patient.		Morio Ochi
5	Trying in and seating of a crown and bridge in a patient.		Morio Ochi
6	Lecture on how to write a paper and how to present it at an academic conference.		Morio Ochi
7	Participation in grand rounds.		Morio Ochi
8	Gathering to read and discuss papers on basic or clinical research.		Morio Ochi

[Grading policies]

Your overall grade in class will be decided based on class attendance, reports, a case presentation, and demonstration of dental prosthesis fabrication skills.

[Textbook]

Students will be informed of which textbook to use.

[Reference book]

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[Preparation for course]

Students must understand the course objectives and prepare appropriately for classes.