



**ERO WG**  
**“Relations between dental  
practitioners and universities”**

Project title:  
**The transition from a dental student to a practitioner - is there  
anything missing?**

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# The aim of the study

to understand the National Dental Associations' perception about the need for immediate vocational training of dental graduates.

Is anything missing for them to start a self-reliant dental practice?

Thank you!

Romania, Czech Republic, Turkey, Georgia, North Macedonia, Germany, Hungary, Kyrgyz Republic, Azerbaijan, Austria, Israel, Nederland, Latvia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Portugal, Poland, Estonia, Switzerland

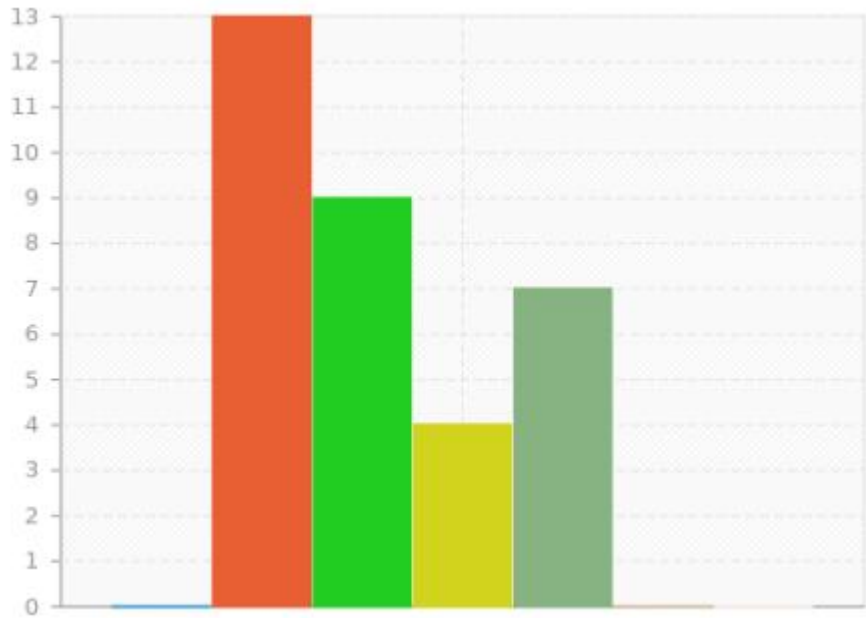
26 respondents from 22 countries gave full answers

# Still missing

- › Albania
- › Armenia
- › Bulgaria
- › Croatia
- › Kazakhstan
- › Kosovo
- › Luxembourg
- › Cyprus
- › Denmark
- › Iceland
- › Ukraine
- › United Kingdom



# Length of the undergraduate dental program



■ 0 (AO01: 4 years)

■ 1 (AO02: 5 years)

■ 2 (AO03: 6 years)

50%

34,62%

# Volume of dental curriculum

Variation

300-360 ECTS & 5000-9600 hours

5000

38,46%

# Students start clinical training with patients

› 2nd year	1	3,85%
› 3rd year	15	57,69%%
› 4th year	9	34,62%%



# Are students allowed to be employed by dental offices and treat patients during their undergraduate enrolment

› Yes	4	15.38%
› No. This is not legal	21	80.77%
› Don't know	1	3.85%

# Practical skills of dental graduates could be improved by increasing:

- › number of patients in the university clinic 11 (16.42%)
- › number of clinical teachers 3 (4.48%)
- › number of hours of practical training 4 (5.97%)
- › practice in outpatient clinics 1 (1.49%)
- › more simulation 1 (1.49%)

## Minimum requirements for obtaining practical skills in universities

› Yes	23	88.46%
› No	2	7.69%
› Don't know	1	3.85%

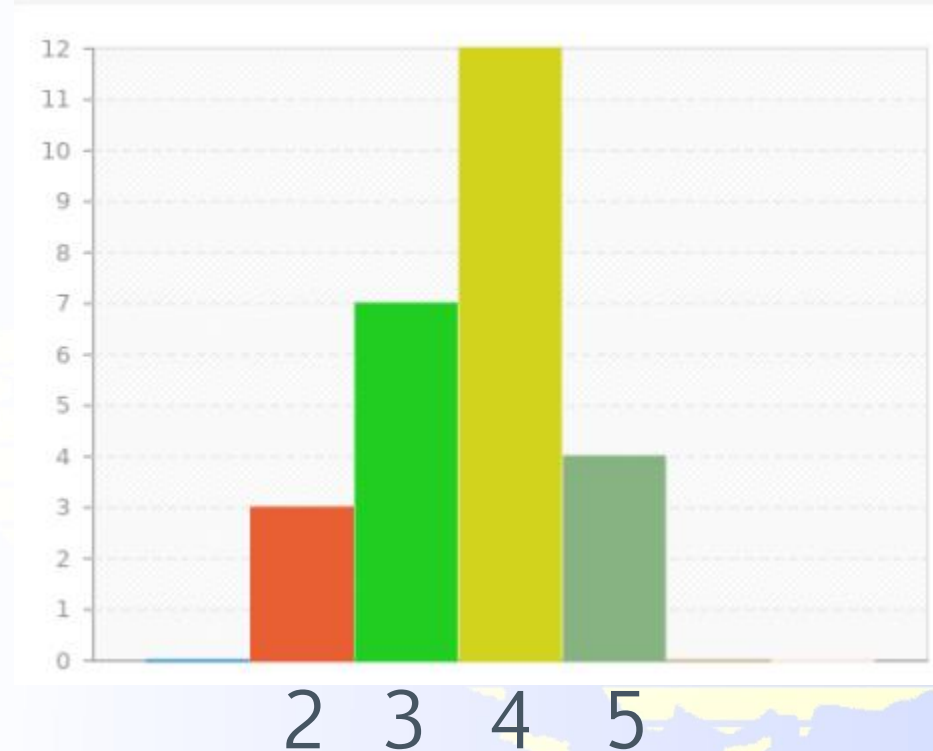
## Final examination of practical dental skills on graduation

› Yes	22	84.62%
› No	4	15.38%

# Average perception about the practical skills of dental graduates

› 2	3	11.54%
› 3	7	26.92%
› 4	12	46.15%
› 5	4	15.38%

Average 3.65 SD 0.89



69.23% of NDA-s state that the dental graduates must improve their skills before starting practicing

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# After graduation the dentist

› can start a self-reliant dental practice	14	53.85%
› should go for vocational training/ internship	4	15.38%
› should work under supervision	5	19.23%

# Need for the introduction of VT/internship after dental graduation

› Yes, mandatory	4	15.38%
› Yes, in a voluntary basis	7	26.92%
› No	3	11.54%
6 months	1	
1 year	3	

26.92% think that support from colleagues will be adequate to improve graduates skills while starting their careers

No special interest to provide infrastructure for the internship by NHS, private sector of dentistry neither universities

# Can the fresh graduates enter the residency program straight after graduation

› Yes

16 61.54%

› No

9 38.46%

(up to 2 years of vocational training)

## Internship

- Should be mandatory 4 15.38%
- Yes, but in a voluntary basis 7 26.92%
- No need 3 11.54%

are paid for their work - 57.69%

pay tuition fee - 42.31%

in 3 countries

- Length of internship - 1year
- it is not restricted to national health care centers
- theoretical studies organised by the university
- has final exam

NB!

These were preliminary results of the current study