# **Criteria 1: Curricular Aspects**

At Bharati Vidyapeeth Dental College and Hospital, Navi Mumbai, we emphasize a dynamic and student-centered curriculum. Our programs are designed with clear **outcomes**, ensuring students gain essential knowledge, skills, and values. With a focus on **research**, **field visits**, **community engagement**, and **value-added courses**, we offer a holistic educational experience that equips students to excel in their careers while contributing positively to society.

**Importance**: A well-structured curriculum ensures that students are prepared not only academically but also professionally, fostering both technical proficiency and ethical responsibility.

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At Bharati Vidyapeeth Dental College and Hospital, Navi Mumbai, we have meticulously crafted our curriculum to provide students with a learning experience that is both comprehensive and transformative. Our approach to curriculum development is anchored in the belief that education should be an enriching journey, one that equips students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to thrive in their careers and contribute meaningfully to society.

1. Program Outcomes Defined for All Programs: Every program at our institution is designed with clear and measurable outcomes, providing students with a roadmap of what they are expected to achieve by the end of their academic journey. This ensures that every step of their education is purposeful and aligned with the competencies required in the dental profession.

- 2. Course Outcomes Mapped: To maintain coherence and ensure that students gain a comprehensive understanding of their subject matter, we meticulously map each course's outcomes to the overall program goals. This structured approach not only reinforces the learning objectives but also ensures that every course contributes meaningfully to the student's holistic development.
- 3. Research Projects, Field Visits, and Cultural Activities:

## FIELD VISITS | RESEARCH PROJECTS | COMMUNITY POSTINGS

# Number of students attending

BDS	Field Projects	Research Projects	Internship	Community Postings
2018-2019	65	39	91	91
2019-2020	324	86	105	105
2020-2021	146	42	50	50
2021-2022	123	52	75	75
2022-2023	278	52	73	73



- Research Projects: We believe in nurturing a spirit of inquiry and innovation among our students. By involving them in research projects, we provide opportunities to delve deep into dental sciences, encouraging critical thinking and fostering a culture of scientific exploration.
- Field Visits: Practical exposure is a cornerstone of our curriculum. Field visits to various dental settings allow students to observe and participate in real-world dental practices, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.
- Cultural Activities: Recognizing the importance of cultural awareness and sensitivity, we organize diverse cultural events that enable students to appreciate different traditions and perspectives. These activities foster teamwork, communication, and empathy, essential qualities for any healthcare professional.
- 4. Academic Calendar: Our meticulously planned academic calendar ensures that the curriculum is delivered in a timely and organized manner. It integrates academic sessions with co-curricular and extracurricular activities, ensuring a balanced approach to learning.
- 5. Community Postings: As part of their training, students are given the opportunity to engage with diverse communities through our community postings. These experiences not only enhance their clinical skills but also instil a deep sense of responsibility and empathy, preparing them to serve society with compassion and understanding.

6. Celebrating Days of National Importance: In our efforts to nurture well-rounded individuals, we celebrate days of national importance, fostering a sense of patriotism and instilling values of unity and respect for our nation's heritage.



7. Value-added Courses: We understand that the rapidly evolving field of dentistry demands a broad skill set. Hence, we offer a variety of value-added courses such as AETCOM (Attitude, Ethics, and Communication), Research Methodology, Forensic Odontology, Esthetic Dentistry, Practice Management, Implantology, and NEET Preparation. These courses not only enhance the students'

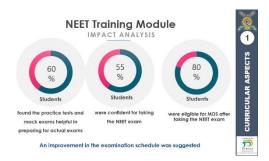




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knowledge but also equip them with additional skills that give them a competitive edge in their careers.





8. Patient Outreach Programs: To develop clinical

acumen and empathy, our students participate in patient outreach programs that serve underserved communities. These initiatives provide invaluable hands-on experience and help students understand the importance of delivering quality healthcare to all segments of society.

9. Curriculum Enrichment Initiatives: Our curriculum is enriched with elements that go beyond traditional academics, focusing on the holistic development of our students. We emphasize soft

skills, leadership, humanistic values, environmental consciousness, societal awareness, and gender sensitization. These aspects ensure that our graduates are not only skilled clinicians but also responsible and empathetic citizens.



10. Strong Feedback System and Impact

Analysis: We have established a robust feedback mechanism that actively involves students, faculty, and stakeholders in the continuous evaluation and improvement of our curriculum. Through regular impact analysis, we ensure that our educational practices remain relevant, effective, and aligned with the latest advancements in dental education.

11. Alignment with National Education Policy: Our curriculum aligns with the guidelines of the National Education Policy, ensuring that our educational practices meet the highest standards of quality and inclusivity.