

## MSc in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics

Field	Detail
Program Title	MSc in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics
Institution	US MetaArees International University – College of Health and Medical Services
Program Orientation	Academic Master's / Professional Master's
Stacked Structure	PG Certificate 12 Cr → PG Diploma 24 Cr → Master's 30 Cr
Mode of Study	Online learning combining synchronous and asynchronous engagement
Applied Support	Mandatory virtual simulation for diagnostics, virtual set-ups, biomechanics force-system rehearsal, OSCE preparation, and advanced technologies such as VR/haptics where appropriate
Language of Instruction	English
Target Backgrounds	Dentists and relevant dental professionals with appropriate academic and professional preparation

### Program Overview

The MSc in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics is an advanced postgraduate program designed to prepare dental professionals for contemporary orthodontic planning, biomechanical reasoning, dentofacial orthopedic thinking, and digitally supported workflow analysis within a coherent online master's structure.

### Why is this program modern?

Modern orthodontic practice increasingly depends on digital diagnostics, structured biomechanical planning, virtual set-ups, quality-assured documentation, and evidence-based decision-making. This program responds to that modern reality by preparing graduates for advanced academic and professional development in a field shaped by precision planning, digital records, and simulation-supported learning.





## What Makes This Program Distinctive

This program stands out by combining orthodontic diagnostics, biomechanics, treatment planning, dentofacial orthopedics, and simulation-supported rehearsal within one academically coherent master's pathway. It is also distinguished by its stacked design, flexible online delivery, and strong focus on defensible, quality-aware, patient-centered planning.

## Career and Market Relevance

Graduates may strengthen their readiness for advanced roles connected to orthodontic planning, digital case analysis, dentofacial orthopedic service development, quality-focused documentation, dental education, and multidisciplinary care environments seeking more structured orthodontic pathways.

## Award Structure and Credit Hours

The program follows a flexible stacked-award structure that allows staged academic progression through recognized postgraduate milestones.

- Postgraduate Certificate: 12 credit hours
- Postgraduate Diploma: 24 credit hours in total
- Master's Degree: 30 credit hours in total
- Final pathways: Academic Master's (Thesis) or Professional Master's (Capstone)

## The Value of the Stacked Pathway

The stacked model allows students to progress step by step through academically connected qualifications. This gives learners recognized milestone awards, supports flexibility for working professionals, and creates a clear progression route toward the full master's degree without reducing the value of each completed stage.

## Learning Model and Educational Experience

The program is delivered through an advanced online model that combines asynchronous learning with structured synchronous academic engagement. Students benefit from guided self-paced study, digital learning materials, regular faculty feedback, and live or recorded academic support where appropriate.



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## Simulation and Advanced Educational Technologies

The learning experience is supported by advanced educational technologies such as virtual simulation, cephalometric and record-analysis rehearsal, virtual set-ups, biomechanics force-system sandboxes, structured oral exercises, and, where appropriate, immersive tools including VR- or haptics-based experiences that strengthen applied and professional readiness.

## Program Orientation

The program can be presented with both academic and professional orientation, allowing students to complete either an academic route based on a thesis or a professional route based on an applied capstone, in line with the approved program structure and university policies.

## What Students Learn

Students develop advanced understanding in orthodontic diagnostics, cephalometrics, biomechanical planning, anchorage strategies, dentofacial orthopedics, retention and relapse prevention, digital workflow analysis, and research-informed service improvement.

## What Graduates Gain

- Advanced academic and professional grounding in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics.
- Stronger ability to transform diagnostic and biomechanical data into defensible treatment-planning pathways.
- Practical understanding of quality assurance, digital governance, simulation-supported learning, and workflow-safe documentation.
- Meaningful exposure to contemporary virtual rehearsal and advanced educational technologies.
- Preparation for further academic progression and professionally oriented postgraduate development.

## Who Can Apply

This program is intended for applicants whose prior academic background provides an appropriate foundation for advanced study in the field. Priority is typically given to bachelor's degree holders in dentistry or in closely related dental fields, while selected relevant backgrounds may also be considered based on academic fit.



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- Dentistry
- Orthodontic or dentofacial-related dental practice backgrounds
- Relevant dental professionals and related academic backgrounds
- Other relevant backgrounds subject to academic review

### **Admission Suitability**

Because this is an advanced postgraduate program, admission suitability is evaluated not only on the basis of holding a bachelor's degree, but also on the relevance of the applicant's previous academic preparation, disciplinary fit, and readiness for the level and orientation of study. Some applicants may therefore require additional academic review before final admission decisions are made.



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