

SECOND COHORT - 2026
CLINICAL CERTIFICATE IN

DENTAL IMPLANTOLOGY PROGRAM

Starting Date: Sept. 2026
Admission Start: Feb. 10, 2026

Venue:
Clinical Sessions: Thumbay Dental Hospital,
GMU, Ajman
Didactic and Hands-On: Total Core Academy

A one year full
time program.



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Foreword: Where the World's Leading Implantologists Meet.

It is a genuine privilege for both of us to introduce the second cohort of the **Clinical Certificate in Dental Implantology** — a program that has come to represent something far greater than the sum of its institutional parts. What began as a shared conviction that rigorous, internationally structured dental education could be delivered in the UAE has grown into a collaborative model we believe sets a meaningful standard for postgraduate clinical training in the region.

This second intake is offered in full collaboration with the **University of Genoa** — one of Italy's oldest public and most distinguished research universities, founded in 1481 and a proud pillar of the European academic tradition for more than five centuries. The University of Genoa brings to this program its deep commitment to academic rigor and its experience with the Bologna Process and the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), ensuring that the 10-credit ECTS framework underpinning this certificate carries genuine, internationally recognized academic weight. For participants, this means that the learning completed here is not merely locally certified — it is structured, documented, and academically positioned within a framework understood and respected across European and international higher-education communities.

From **Gulf Medical University's perspective**, this program represents the fulfillment of a long-held academic ambition: to establish a postgraduate pathway in implant dentistry that is both rooted in UAE clinical realities and connected to the highest standards of global academic practice. The approval of this program by the **National Institute for Health Specialties (NIHS)** — the UAE's authoritative body for specialty training and professional qualification — gives our graduates something no other implantology certificate currently offers in the Emirates: the right to apply for Implant Privilege across all UAE health authorities, including the Ministry of Health and Prevention (MOHAP), the Dubai Health Authority (DHA), and the Department of Health Abu Dhabi (DOH). This is not a procedural footnote; it is the practical gateway through which our graduates can apply their skills in clinical practice. It is the outcome that matters.

Clinical sessions for this program are held at **Thumbay Dental Hospital**, within the Thumbay University Hospital Complex in Ajman — the largest private academic hospital in the UAE, accredited by the NIHS and the first clinical facility approved for this program. Didactic and hands-on simulation sessions take place at **Total Core Academy** in Dubai, which provides its professional training infrastructure, state-of-the-art simulation-based learning environment, and the logistical and faculty coordination that make a program of this complexity viable and pedagogically coherent. This dual-venue structure is intentional: it brings together the clinical depth of a major academic hospital with the focused, technology-supported training environment of a specialist academy.

The faculty assembled for this program is, by any measure, extraordinary. Participants will learn from clinicians and academics who are internationally recognized leaders in implantology, periodontology, prosthodontics, and oral and maxillofacial surgery — faculty who rarely gather in a single program, let alone in the Gulf region. We are proud that the second cohort will benefit from the same commitment to excellence that distinguished the first, and we are equally proud that the collaboration with the University of Genoa deepens the academic foundation on which that excellence rests.

We extend our warmest welcome to the participants of this second cohort. You are joining a program shaped by the combined academic strength of two universities, the clinical resources of a leading UAE hospital, the training expertise of a dedicated academy, and the formal recognition of the UAE's national health specialties authority. What you will gain here — knowledge, supervised clinical experience, professional competency, and internationally recognized academic credit — will lay a foundation for a lifetime of clinical excellence. We look forward to accompanying you on this journey.

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Introduction to the National Institute for Health Specialties (NIHS) in the UAE

Brief Overview of the Implant Privilege Approved by the National Institute for Health Specialties (NIHS):

The National Institute for Health Specialties (NIHS) was established by Cabinet Decree No. 28 of 2014 as a national entity dedicated to regulating and organizing professional development for the health workforce, particularly in specialty training.

Located within the United Arab Emirates University, NIHS operates under a Board of Directors chaired by the Minister of Education. The NIHS plays a crucial role in enhancing the quality of medical education and training in the UAE by accrediting health institutions and residency programs and developing national standards for health qualifications.

Key Functions and Goals

The NIHS plays a critical role in the accreditation and certification of various health specialties, ensuring rigorous standards in postgraduate medical education for specialty physicians and surgeons. This includes establishing governance structures and developing effective trainee assessment frameworks.

Central Accreditation Committee Role

The Central Accreditation Committee shapes accreditation procedures and ensures compliance, supporting NIHS's mission to enhance healthcare services in the UAE while advancing the certification of the Emirati Board.

Thumbay University Hospital Complex

An Accredited institute by the NIHS and the first clinical facility that is granted approval for the Clinical Certificate of Dental Implantology Program that qualify graduates for Implant Privilege in the UAE.

Thumbay University hospital complex is renowned for its commitment to providing high-quality healthcare services and education. As an accredited institution, Thumbay University Hospital Complex plays a pivotal role in advancing medical training and specialty education, adhering to rigorous standards set forth by the NIHS.

Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals, Thumbay University Hospital is the largest private academic hospital in the UAE, it offers 350 beds and advanced clinical training opportunities. In addition, Thumbay Dental Hospital, a component of the Thumbay University Hospital Complex, stands at the forefront of dental care in the region. Spanning 37,000 sq. ft. with 10 dental chairs across three floors, the hospital is renowned for delivering high-quality dental services at affordable costs.

University of Genoa / Bologna Process

The University of Genoa (Università degli Studi di Genova) is one of Italy's oldest and most distinguished public research universities, founded in 1481. With a history spanning more than five centuries, it stands as a pillar of European academic tradition and ranks among Italy's leading institutions in health sciences, dentistry, and biomedical research.

As a signatory institution of the Bologna Process, the University of Genoa operates within the European Higher Education Area, applying the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) to ensure that academic qualifications are standardised, transparent, and mutually recognised across European and international higher-education communities.

The Clinical Certificate in Dental Implantology program is structured within this framework, carrying 10 ECTS credits – the equivalent of a full academic year of recognised postgraduate study. For graduates of this programme, this means their qualification is not merely a local certificate; it is academically documented, credit-weighted, and positioned within a framework understood and respected by universities, regulatory bodies, and professional institutions worldwide.

Duration:

One-year full-time program.

Venue:

Clinical Sessions:

Held at Thumbay Dental Hospital, GMU, Ajman

Didactic and Hands-on Sessions:

Conducted at Total Core Academy, Dubai

Program Director:

Dr. Fadi Titinchi:

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Accreditation:

The program is accredited by the National Institute for Health Specialties (NIHS), ensuring that the curriculum meets high standards of education and training in dental implantology.

The Clinical Certificate of Dental Implantology program qualifies graduates to apply for Implant Privilege in any health authority in the UAE, including the Ministry of Health and Prevention (MOHAP), the Dubai Health Authority (DHA), and the Department of Health (DOH) in Abu Dhabi.

In collaboration with the University of Genoa, this program is structured within the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), carrying 10 ECTS credits — exceeding a full academic year of study (10 ECTS). This framework, established under the Bologna Process, ensures that the qualification is academically standardized and internationally recognized across European and global higher-education communities, giving graduates a credential that carries weight well beyond the UAE.

Teaching Faculty:

The program is in collaboration with several esteemed professionals in the field of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Periodontology, Prosthodontics, and Implantology:



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