

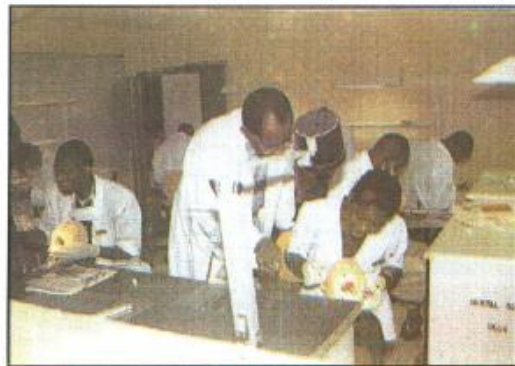
DENTAL EDUCATION HAS COME OF AGE IN GHANA

The Dental School is one of the six institutions constituting the College of Health Sciences of the University of Ghana. The School is housed in an ultra modern building in 23rd August, 1999 (Picture below). Since the localization of the clinical training in Ghana, the Dental School has graduated four batches of graduands, totaling 18 dental surgeons.



Front view of the new Dental School building

The present staffing situation is very precarious and the school administration is doing everything possible to develop staff to acceptable numbers for the various departments. The school has therefore started active postgraduate programmes. These Postgraduate programmes are progressing alongside the undergraduate courses. Dental surgeons in various disciplines study towards the Fellowship examinations of the West African College of Surgeons. The graduate students pursuing academic qualifications are registered with Kings' College - University of London for a 'sandwich' Master of Science degree programmes. The School is still seeking funding from Government and other corporate bodies to complete the additional two floors of the new building. This is very urgent because the present facility will not accommodate the clinical students when the present two pre-clinical classes join the clinical programme.



Dental students in Phantom Head Laboratory during Operative Technique classes

In spite of the problems facing the Dental School, Dental education in Ghana has come to stay. I take this opportunity to thank all those who made this vision come true.

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