



Accreditation Summary Report

Program name	Bachelor of Health Sciences in Dentistry/Master of Dentistry [BHSc(Dent)/MDent]
Program provider	La Trobe University
Accredited campus(es)	Bendigo
Program length	5 years
Registration category	Dentist
Qualification type	Higher education – Combined Undergraduate/Postgraduate
Australian Qualifications Framework Level	Level 7 & Level 9
Accreditation standards version	June 2010, version 1.0
Date of site evaluation	13-14 August 2012
Date of ADC decision	16 November 2012
Accreditation outcome	Re-accreditation
Accreditation end date	31 December 2019

Background

La Trobe University's Bachelor of Health Sciences in Dentistry/Master of Dentistry (BHSc(Dent)/MDent) program commenced at the University's Bendigo campus in 2008.

The program was first accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC) in 2008 with further site visits occurring in 2009, 2010 and 2011 to review the progress of the program.

This summary relates to the ADC's re-accreditation outcome following the visit by an ADC Site Evaluation Team (SET) in 2012.

Summary of the outcomes of the ADC's accreditation

The SET interviewed a wide range of individuals during the accreditation assessment including staff, students, and other stakeholders. It was noted that the School had made commendable advances in relation to development of the program, clinical placements, curriculum mapping and the public profile of the program, and produced positive responses to recommendations from the ADC's 2011 Accreditation Report.

At the time of accreditation the School appeared to have adequate continuing financial resources, management structure and administration and support staff for the program and the ADC was satisfied that facilities and equipment allowed for clinical and educational objectives to be achieved. The clinics viewed met requirements regarding safety, service and teaching.

The staff to student ratios appeared adequate for the School to achieve its educational objectives and the University's commitment to the development of a suitable staffing profile for the program was seen as a strength.

The ADC noted the School's attention to investigating and utilising a variety of teaching and learning approaches.

ADC's accreditation decision

On 16 November 2012 the ADC Board re-accredited the Bachelor of Health Sciences in Dentistry/Master of Dentistry program at La Trobe University until 31 December 2019.