



Accreditation Summary Report

Program name	Advanced Diploma of Oral Health (Dental Hygiene) [ADOH]
Program provider	RMIT University
Accredited campus(es)	Melbourne
Program length	2 years
Registration category	Dental hygienist
Qualification type	Vocational Education and Training (VET) course
Australian Qualifications Framework Level	Level 6
Accreditation standards version	June 2010, version 1.0
Date of site evaluation	26-27 March 2012
Date of ADC decision	05 October 2012
Accreditation outcome	Accreditation with conditions
Accreditation end date	31 December 2014

Background

RMIT University's (RMIT) Advanced Diploma of Oral Health (Dental Hygiene) (ADOH) program is due to commence in Semester 1, 2013.

The curriculum for this program is based on the curriculum of an existing accredited program, the Advanced Diploma of Oral Health (Dental Hygiene) delivered by TAFE SA.

The program is also accredited within the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector and therefore needs to meet both the Australian Dental Council's (ADC) and the Australian Skills Quality Authority's (ASQA) accreditation requirements.

This summary highlights key aspects of the ADC's accreditation of RMIT's ADOH program, including the site visit by an ADC Site Evaluation Team (SET) in March 2012.

Summary of the outcomes of the ADC's accreditation

The SET acknowledged the significant work undertaken by RMIT University staff to establish the program. The implementation plan, work of the School's Steering Committee, dedication shown by School staff in the development of the program and the commitment to the ongoing monitoring of the program were recognised as strengths.

The ADC found the School's management structure, administration, support staff and the planned financial support for the program to be satisfactory, however, continued monitoring of funding is needed to ensure adequate and ongoing financial resources. The School is to advise the ADC when the position of program coordinator is filled and update the ADC regularly about the allocation of staff to modules.

The ADC found that the available clinical and support facilities and resources for the students were satisfactory and that teaching and clinical facilities, including the simulation clinic, were of a high standard.

The School will provide the ADC with additional information about chair availability for both years of the program, to ensure students have appropriate patient numbers and clinical experience to meet the clinical requirements for practice. The School will confirm arrangements for specialist placements for students, particularly in the areas of periodontics and special needs dentistry.

The School appears to have well established relationships with Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) for student placements, which was seen as a strength. Development of functional relationships with other relevant educational and health care providers should be pursued and clinical placements outside DHSV considered as valuable learning opportunities for the ADOH students, particularly in the area of aged care dental service provision.

ADC's accreditation decision

On 5 October 2012 the ADC Board granted accreditation to the Advanced Diploma of Oral Health (Dental Hygiene) program at RMIT University to 31 December 2014, with the following **conditions**:

1. submission of a report to the ADC by the end of 2012 with an update regarding the allocation of staff to relevant modules and information regarding chair availability for both years of the program;
2. submission of a report to the ADC in April 2013 confirming specialist placements for students in the program;
3. submission of annual reports to the ADC demonstrating satisfactory progress in addressing all recommendations and suggestions in the accreditation report;
4. a further visit by an ADC Accreditation Review Team to occur in 2013.