



Accreditation Summary Report

Program name	Bachelor of Oral Health [BOH]
Program provider	University of Newcastle
Accredited campus(es)	Central Coast (Ourimbah)
Program length	3 years
Registration category	Dental hygienist
Qualification type	Higher education – Undergraduate
Australian Qualifications Framework Level	Level 7
Accreditation standards version	June 2010, version 1.0
Date of site evaluation	12-13 June 2012
Date of ADC decision	16 November 2012
Accreditation outcome	Re-accreditation with a condition
Accreditation end date	31 December 2017

Background

The Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH) program commenced at the University of Newcastle in 2005 and offers a three year BOH in dental hygiene with a postgraduate pathway into the University's Graduate Diploma in Dental Therapy.

This summary highlights key aspects of the Australian Dental Council's (ADC) accreditation of the University of Newcastle's BOH, which included a site visit by an ADC Site Evaluation Team (SET) in June 2012.

Summary of the outcomes of the ADC's accreditation

The SET noted the high level of commitment to the program demonstrated by teaching and support staff. Students and graduates reported high levels of satisfaction with the program. The quality assurance mechanisms employed by the School were considered a strength of the program.

The extension to the library and upgraded computer facilities were of a high standard. However, the School needs to develop strategies to enable increased clinical time for students in the area of periodontal cases and increased clinical time for Year 3 students.

While teaching staff levels were considered adequate at the time of accreditation, recruitment of a full-time support officer with appropriate experience and skills is needed. The ADC noted the School's leadership in its recruitment and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander oral health students.

ADC's accreditation decision

On 16 November 2012 the ADC Board re-accredited the Bachelor of Oral Health program at the University of Newcastle until 31 December 2017, subject to the following **condition**:

Submission of a report to the ADC in December 2012 providing evidence of satisfactory progress of the development of facilities that enable greater access by students to experiential practice, including confirmation that these will be available for use at the start of Semester 2, 2013.

The ADC Board also determined that a further accreditation review will occur in July/August 2014 as part of monitoring the program's accreditation.