

### Accreditation Summary Report

<b>Program provider</b>	Charles Sturt University
<b>Program/qualification name</b>	Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene)
<b>Program/qualification abbreviation</b>	BOH
<b>Program/qualification code</b>	4430TH
<b>Head office address, including State</b>	Wagga Wagga, NSW
<b>Approved campus(es)</b>	Wagga Wagga, NSW Holmesglen TAFE, Victoria (subject to conditions)
<b>Program length</b>	3 years
<b>Registration division</b>	Dental hygienist Dental therapist Oral health therapist
<b>Registration specialty</b>	Not applicable
<b>Qualification type</b>	Higher education – Undergraduate
<b>Program type &amp; AQF level</b>	Level 7 – Bachelor degree
<b>Accreditation standards version</b>	June 2010, version 1.0
<b>Date of site evaluation</b>	20-21 August 2013
<b>Date of ADC decision</b>	21 November 2013
<b>Type of notification</b>	Re-accreditation
<b>Accreditation start date</b>	1 January 2014
<b>Accreditation end date</b>	31 December 2018

### Background

The Charles Sturt University's (CSU) Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) program (BOH) commenced in 2009. The program was granted new program accreditation in 2009 and is accredited until 31 December 2013.

The Site Evaluation Team (SET) assessed the program for re-accreditation for a period of up to five years. As part of its evaluation the SET has assessed the suitability of the CSU delivery site at Holmesglen TAFE and third-party arrangements that CSU has in place to deliver the BOH to its students through Holmesglen TAFE.

Graduates of the BOH are eligible to apply for registration with the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) as oral health therapists, dental hygienists and dental therapists. Graduates provide care for patients of all ages, with dental therapy restorative care limited to those people aged under 26 years old.

Students starting at the Holmesglen site in 2014 will be located on the Holmesglen campus for most of the first two years and will spend one week of orientation at the Wagga Wagga Campus during the first year and up to 13 weeks of clinical training at Wagga Wagga

Campus in the second year. During the final year, the Holmesglen cohort will be based at the Wagga Wagga Campus and may undertake clinical placement at any one of CSU's five dental clinics, or at a delegated clinic organised by CSU.

### **Summary of ADC program evaluation**

The SET visited CSU's Wagga Wagga campus on 20 and 21 August 2013 and interviewed a range of individuals, staff and student groups, recent graduates and stakeholders. The SET were provided with a comprehensive written submission prior to the visit.

The ADC noted the modern and well designed clinical, simulation laboratory and associated teaching facilities and commends the staff for their dedication to the School, students and the profession. The positive attitude of the students, their optimism and dedication to achieving excellence in learning and clinical skills was also commendable.

The ADC noted the facilities and resources were operating at capacity and will require further information on the impact of the Holmesglen cohort on the existing program, staff, resources and facilities.

There is a need for CSU to provide evidence of clear planning regarding the likely impact of the cohort of students at Holmesglen on CSU BOH clinical placements more generally prior to commencing the teaching of students at Holmesglen.

### **ADC's accreditation decision**

The ADC has re-accredited the Charles Sturt University's (CSU's) Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) program for a period of five years with conditions. The approval of the Holmesglen TAFE campus and third party arrangement for delivering the program is subject to the following conditions:

1. CSU provide, **by 15 December 2013**, documented evidence that the planned staffing arrangements detailed in the supplementary submission of July 2012 are being implemented in full (Standard 6 Staff & Staff Development).  
*[Condition met as of 19 December 2013]*
2. CSU provide, **by 15 December 2013**, a report that details how students studying at the Holmesglen TAFE campus will be provided with the clinical facilities to meet the program's educational objectives and the required competencies when these students join Wagga Wagga campus in 2015 (Standard 11 Preparation for Practice).  
*[Condition met as of 19 December 2013]*
3. In the second half of 2014, the ADC review the arrangements that CSU has in place for delivering the Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) at Holmesglen TAFE to assess continued compliance with Standards 5 (Physical Facilities), 8 (The Curriculum), 10 (Clinic Administration), Standard 11 (Preparation for Practice) and Standard 13 (Student representation and privileges, support and representation).