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**AUSTRALIAN DENTAL COUNCIL
REPORT OF AN EVALUATION OF
CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH (THERAPY/HYGIENE)**

October 2014

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Program provider	Charles Sturt University
Program/qualification name	Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene)
Program/qualification abbreviation	BOralHlth(Therapy&Hygiene)
Program/qualification code	4430TH
Head office address, including State	Boorooma Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650
Campuses	Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650 Holmesglen TAFE – Chadstone Campus, Batesford Rd, Chadstone VIC 3148
Program length	3 years
Registration division	Oral Health Therapist , Dental Hygienist , Dental Therapist
Registration specialty	NA
Qualification type	HE
Australian Qualifications Framework Level	Level 7
Accreditation standards version	June 2010 Version 1.0
Date of site evaluation	8 October 2014
Date of ADC decision	31 October 2014
Type of accreditation	Monitoring Visit
Accreditation start date	1 January 2014
Accreditation end date	31 December 2018

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Background

In 2013 Charles Sturt University's (CSU's) Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) (BORalHlth(Therapy&Hygiene)) program was reaccredited for a period of five years with conditions. As part of the reaccreditation, the Australian Dental Council (ADC) reviewed and approved the proposed third party arrangement between CSU and Holmesglen TAFE to offer the first two years of the BORalHlth(Therapy&Hygiene) program at Holmesglen TAFE's Chadstone campus.

As a condition of accreditation the ADC determined that in the second half of 2014 a limited review be conducted to ensure that the third party arrangements for delivering the BORalHlth(Therapy&Hygiene) program at Holmesglen were compliant with the relevant accreditation standards.

The third party arrangement sees CSU students taught the majority of the first two years of the program at Holmesglen TAFE and undertaking clinical placements through CSU's Wagga Wagga campus. Students undertake a one week orientation at the Wagga Wagga campus in first year and up to thirteen weeks of clinical training at the Wagga Wagga campus in second year. During the final year, the Holmesglen student cohort will be based at the Wagga Wagga campus and integrated with the Wagga Wagga student cohort.

Overview of the Evaluation

An ADC Site Evaluation Team (SET) conducted a site visit on 8 October 2014 to Holmesglen TAFE's Chadstone campus. The SET inspected the learning and teaching facilities as well as observing students in the simulation clinic.

The SET reviewed the School of Dentistry and Health Sciences limited self-review against standards 5, 8, 10, 11 and 13, attached appendices and additional information requested prior to the visit. The SET also reviewed the 2013 accreditation report and 2014 annual report for the program.

The SET interviewed a range of stakeholders from CSU and Holmesglen TAFE, including:

- The Associate Head of School (CSU)
- The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Community (Holmesglen)
- The Head of Discipline Oral Health (CSU)
- The Clinical Director (CSU)
- The Head of Department, Health Science and Biotechnology (Holmesglen)
- Strategic and Business Development Manager (Holmesglen)
- Program Coordinator and Year 1 Coordinator (Holmesglen)

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- Other academic and clinical staff that each into the program at Holmesglen
- Five Year 1 students.

During the site visit the SET was also provided with further documentation including access to five student workbooks.

The findings in this report are based on the SET's assessment of the material outlined above, interview evidence and a review of the facilities at the time of the site visit.

Key Findings

The facilities at Holmesglen TAFE are modern and appropriate for training. The evidence gathered by the SET indicates that overall the relationship and third party arrangement are working well, with clearly identified communication channels between staff based at CSU's Wagga Wagga campus and staff at Holmesglen TAFE.

The SET commends CSU and Holmesglen TAFE on the enthusiasm shown by both staff and students for the program. It was evident to the SET during interviews that students are well supported and will be prepared for the transition into clinical practice in Year 2 of the program. Evidence collected also indicates that the clinical protocols of the simulation clinic at Holmesglen mirror those of CSU's Wagga Wagga clinic, which were deemed appropriate during the 2013 review of the program.

The School of Dentistry and Health Sciences is encouraged to look for opportunities to contextualise the curriculum delivery of the biomedical science subjects and also to continue to explore specialist placement opportunities for all student cohorts. The School of Dentistry and Health Sciences can further engage students based at Holmesglen TAFE by exploring opportunities for students to participate in appropriate School committees.

ADC Accreditation Decision

The ADC has determined that Charles Sturt University's Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) program has met all outstanding conditions and accreditation is maintained without conditions until 31 December 2018.