

Accreditation Summary Report

Program provider	Central Queensland University
Program/qualification name	Bachelor of Oral Health
Program/qualification abbreviation	BOralHlth
Program/qualification code	CB29
Head office address, including State	Bruce Hwy, North Rockhampton QLD 4702
Approved campus(es)	Rockhampton
Program length	3 Years
Registration division	Dental hygienist Dental therapist Oral health therapist
Registration specialty	Not applicable
Qualification type	Higher Education – Undergraduate
Program type & AQF level	Level 7- Bachelor Degree
Accreditation standards version	June 2010, version 1.0
Date of site evaluation	12 September 2013
Date of ADC decision	21 November 2013
Type of notification	Monitoring visit
Accreditation start date	1 January 2012
Accreditation end date	31 December 2015

Background

Central Queensland University's (CQU) Bachelor of Oral Health (BOralHlth) is a three year program which commenced in Semester 1 of 2012 at CQU's Rockhampton campus.

The program received initial accreditation until the completion of the first cohort of students expected in 2015 subject to conditions.

Graduates of the BOralHlth program will be eligible to apply for registration with the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) as oral health therapists, dental hygienists and dental therapists.

CQU proposes that graduates have the scope to provide dental therapy restorative care to patients of all ages, however, the DBA has indicated that at present graduates will have this scope of practice restricted to under the age of 26.

Summary of ADC program evaluation

As part of the evaluation of the BOralHlth, the Site Evaluation Team (SET) visited CQU on 12 September 2013. The SET viewed the Oral Health Clinic and Simulation Lab. The SET interviewed approximately 20 individuals including the Dean, Head of Program, Discipline Lead, Clinic Manager, academic and teaching staff and students. The SET was provided

with the previous reports regarding the program and reviewed the CQU's submission and other relevant documentation.

The ADC commended CQU on the enthusiasm of their clinical staff and the new clinic facilities. CQU is continuing to explore options for clinical placements and supervisory arrangements with Queensland Health. The ADC is also encouraged to see CQU exploring placements outside the University setting.

The ADC determined there needs to be further development of the curriculum to ensure teaching of the adult restorative skills meets Standards 8 and 11 in full. CQU must map the teaching of these skills across the clinical programs. There is also a need for the school to further develop capstone assessments for third year.

The ADC recommends that a clear assessment rubric be created for evaluation of students' performance of preclinical and clinical procedures and that students be informed of these criteria.

ADC's accreditation decision

The ADC has determined that accreditation be maintained until 31 December 2015 subject to conditions. CQU is to provide a report to the ADC by **31 January 2014** detailing:

1. Evidence demonstrating the adequacy of the external clinical facilities (external health facilities) to meet the requirements of the course (Standard 5 Physical facilities and resources), including describing the key equipment and materials as well as the teacher/student model.
2. Evidence demonstrating that students are acquiring sufficient clinical experience to achieve the competencies required to practice (Standard 11 Preparation for practice).
3. The curriculum and capstone assessments for third year that incorporate clinical practice, including for adults (Standard 8 Curriculum and Standard 12 Student assessment and examination).
4. Mapping of the teaching of the adult restorative skills across the clinical programs to allow a full consideration of the adequacy of this component (Standard 11 Preparation for practice).
5. Clear rubrics for evaluation of student performance of clinical and pre-clinical procedures (Standard 12 Student assessment and examination).

Furthermore, CQU is required to incorporate external examiners (approved by the ADC) in the summative 2014 clinical assessments who will make a report to the ADC.