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ASSESSMENT OF A PROGRAM TO EXTEND SCOPE OF PRACTICE

RMIT UNIVERSITY
CONSTRUCT AND INSERT AN IMPLANT RETAINED OVERDENTURE

July 2016

SITE VISIT AND EVALUATION BY ADC SITE EVALUATION TEAM

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Program provider	RMIT University
Program/qualification name	Construct and insert an implant retained overdenture
Program/qualification abbreviation	
Program/qualification code	HLTDP608C
Head office address, including State	GPO Box 2476, Melbourne VIC 3001
Campus	Royal Dental Hospital Melbourne
Program length	75 Hours
Registration division	Dental Prosthetist
Classification/Area of Practice	Implant overdenture
Qualification type	VET
Australian Qualifications Framework Level	N/A
Accreditation standards version	Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs (Approved Dec 2014)
Date of site evaluation	N/A – Paper based review
Date of ADC decision	12 August 2016
Type of accreditation	Initial Accreditation
Accreditation start date	12 August 2016
Accreditation end date	31 December 2017

SUMMARY REPORT

Background

RMIT University's Construct and Insert an Implant Retained Overdenture program is a short course equivalent to the unit of competency HLTDP608C - Construct and Insert an Implant Retained Overdenture, which is an elective unit within the HLT60412 Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics (ADDP) qualification. The program will be offered at RMIT University commencing on 17 August 2016.

The course is in its "teachout phase" as education providers are required to move to the revised qualification HLT65015 Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics, which includes the unit of competency as a core unit.

The course is currently approved by the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) as a program to extend scope, but has not previously been accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC).

The program aims to provide the skills and knowledge required to construct and place an aesthetic and functional implant retained overdenture.

Overview of the Evaluation

The ADC appointed a Site Evaluation Team (SET) to undertake a paper based review of the program. The SET reviewed RMIT University's 9 page submission and associated attachments. In completing its report, the SET also drew on information from the ADC's 2013 review of the ADDP program and its related submission.

Key Findings

RMIT University's Construct and Insert an Implant Retained Overdenture program is offered at RMIT Dental within the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne (RDHM). The unit of competency is taught over three days, with pre-work required and a case study to be completed one month after the face to face delivery of the program.

Students enrolling in the program must be registered as dental prosthetists with the DBA and are also required to attend an induction session for the laboratory and read the Laboratory Safety Guidelines. The facilities were viewed by the ADC in 2013 at which point they were deemed appropriate for the training of dental prosthetists.

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The staff teaching this program are appropriately qualified and include dental prosthetists, a periodontist and prosthodontist. The SET reviewed the Participant - Unit Outline and Participant Resource Guide, which includes the details of the elements to be taught and assessments to be undertaken.

Students are enrolled to complete the program and are governed by the same policies and procedures as any other student within the School, including equity, access and harassment procedures, as well as access to complaints and grievance policies.

ADC Accreditation Decision

The ADC determined that RMIT University's Construct and Insert an Implant Retained Overdenture program is accredited as a program to extend scope from **12 August 2016** until **31 December 2017**.