

Accreditation Summary Report

Program provider	Southbank Institute of Technology
Program/qualification name	Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics
Program/qualification abbreviation	Adv Dip Dental Pros
Program/qualification code	HLT60412
Head office address, including State	Brisbane, Queensland
Approved campus(es)	Brisbane
Program length	2 years (part-time)
Registration division	Dental prosthetist
Registration specialty	Not applicable
Qualification type	Vocational Education and Training (VET) course
Program type & AQF level	Advanced Diploma – AQF Level 6
Accreditation standards version	Version 1.2 - Updated December 2012
Date of site evaluation	18-19 July 2013
Date of ADC decision	21 November 2013
Type of notification	Initial accreditation
Accreditation start date	21 November 2013
Accreditation end date	20 November 2018

Background

The Advanced Diploma Dental Prosthetics program (Adv Dip Dent Pros) has been offered at Southbank Institute of Technology (SBIT) since 2005 and graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) as dental prosthetists.

This is the first time that the program has been reviewed for accreditation purposes by the Australian Dental Council. The program is also accredited within the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector and therefore needs to meet both the ADC and the Australian Skills Quality Authority's (ASQA) accreditation requirements. The program fully complies with all requirements of the sector.

Summary of ADC program evaluation

The Site Evaluation Team (SET) visited SBIT on 18 and 19 July 2013. The SET meet with a range of staff, students and stakeholders during the visit. The SET viewed the denture clinic with students under instruction as well as reviewing the teaching facilities and library. The SET was provided with a comprehensive written submission prior to the visit and further documentation was supplied during the site visit.

The program utilises modern facilities and has a budget structure in place that facilitates regular infrastructure upgrades.

Staff showed a high level of commitment to the program but SBIT should consider succession planning to ensure continuity and adequacy of staffing arrangements into the future.

The program is producing graduates with the skills and experience needed for practice.

The clinic operates efficiently and there is a comprehensive manual for infection control. A centralised system for monitoring students' clinical experience could be developed to enhance this area of program delivery.

While the curriculum is compliant with sector requirements, research requirements for students do not align well with the requirements of the relevant Standard and could be further developed to benefit students.

The processes in place for evaluation of the program could be improved and a more integrated approach taken by SBIT to the continuous quality improvement of the program.

ADC's accreditation decision

The ADC has determined that the Southbank Institute of Technology Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics be accredited from 21 November 2013 until 20 November 2018 subject to the following conditions:

1. By **30 November 2014** SBIT provide satisfactory evidence that:
 - a. the research requirements of students (Standard 16 Research) in the program align with the definition in the Standards.
 - b. program evaluation processes and procedures (Standard 17 Program Evaluation) are effective in collecting feedback on the performance of the program to improve the program.
2. That a further review of the program occur in three (3) years to assess the implementation of the new training package against Standards 8, 11 and 12 (with the timing of this review subject to the timeline for the final approval of the revised training package).