



Accreditation Summary Report

Program provider	RMIT University
Program/qualification name	Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics
Program/qualification abbreviation	Adv Dip Dent Pros
Program/qualification code	C6123
Head office address, including State	RMIT University, La Trobe Street, Melbourne, Victoria
Approved campus(es)	The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne
Program length	2 years part time
Registration division	Dental Prosthetist
Registration specialty	Not Applicable
Qualification type	Vocational Education and Training (VET) course
Program type	Advanced Diploma – AQF Level 6
Accreditation standards version	September 2011 version 1.0 <i>Updated December 2012 - Version 1.2</i>
Date of site evaluation	11-12 April 2013
Date of ADC decision	9 August 2013
Type of accreditation	Initial accreditation
Accreditation start date	9 August 2013
Accreditation end date	8 August 2016

Background

RMIT University's Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics (Adv Dip Dent Pros) program commenced in 2004 and its first cohort graduated in 2006. The Australian Dental Council (ADC) visited the program for the first time in April 2013.

The program is also accredited within the Vocational Education and Training sector and therefore must meet both ADC and the Australian Skills Quality Authority accreditation requirements.

Summary of ADC program evaluation

As part of the evaluation of the Adv Dip Dent Pros an ADC Site Evaluation Team (SET) visited RMIT University's library, School of Life and Physical Sciences administration building and the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne where RMIT University teaches the program. The SET interviewed approximately 20 people, including the Head of the School,

the Program Manager, teaching and administrative staff, graduates and students. The SET reviewed a range of written materials.

The program utilises excellent facilities and has a good relationship with Dental Health Services Victoria, which maintains the facilities and provides patients for clinical practice. Teaching staff are dedicated and the program is producing graduates with the skills needed to practise, however, the clinical exposure of students could be improved.

The ADC recommends that RMIT University increase the students' clinical face to face time and the range of clinical cases each student treats.

Students would also benefit from further development of their research skills, in line with the requirements of the Standards.

ADC's accreditation decision

The ADC has accredited the RMIT University Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics program for a period of three (3) years from 9 August 2013 until 8 August 2016.

RMIT University is required to submit an annual report to the ADC by 30 November 2013, reporting on how it will address the following recommendations:

- 11.1 It is recommended RMIT adopt a more structured approach to case allocation to ensure that the range of clinical cases for each student is increased and that all students receive some training in all areas of practice.
- 11.2 It is recommended that RMIT increase student clinical face to face time to a minimum of four hours per week so as to increase the number of patients students see through the life of the program