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**AUSTRALIAN DENTAL COUNCIL
REPORT OF AN EVALUATION OF
UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE
DENTAL SPECIALIST PROGRAMS IN
ENDODONTICS
ORAL PATHOLOGY
ORTHODONTICS
PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
PERIODONTICS
PROSTHODONTICS
SPECIAL NEEDS DENTISTRY**

October 2015

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Program provider	University of Adelaide
Program/qualification names, Program/qualification abbreviation, Program/qualification code	Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics, DClinDent, DENT 7212A-DENT 7214b Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral Pathology, DClinDent, DENT 7222A-DENT 7224B Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics, DClinDent, DENT 7232A-DENT 7234B Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry, DClinDent, DENT 7242A-DENT 7244B Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics, DClinDent, DENT7252A-DENT 7254B Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics, DClinDent, DENT 7262A-DENT 7264B Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Special Needs Dentistry, DClinDent, DENT 7272A-DENT 7274B
Head office address, including State	The University of Adelaide, SA 5005
Campus	North Terrace Campus
Program length	3 years
Registration division	Specialist Dentist
Registration specialty	Endodontics, Oral Pathology, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Special Needs Dentistry
Qualification type	HE
Australian Qualifications Framework Level	Level 9
Accreditation standards version	Version 1.0, June 2010
Date of site evaluation	20 - 21 July 2015
Date of ADC decision	16 December 2015
Type of accreditation	Re-accreditation
Accreditation start date	1 January 2016

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Accreditation end date for the following programs only: Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral Pathology Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics	31 December 2020
Accreditation end date for the following programs only: Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Special Needs Dentistry	31 December 2016

Background

The Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent) programs at the University of Adelaide were last reviewed by the Australian Dental Council (ADC) in October 2010. Following the review all seven DClinDent programs were re-accredited for the maximum period of five years until 31 December 2015. No conditions were attached to any of the programs.

Depending on the discipline undertaken, the DClinDent programs enable graduates to apply to the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) to register as specialist dentists in:

- Endodontics
- Oral Pathology
- Orthodontics
- Paediatric Dentistry
- Periodontics
- Prosthodontics
- Special Needs Dentistry

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Overview of the Evaluation

The Site Evaluation Team (SET) received the University of Adelaide's 368-page submission against the Accreditation Standards and subsequent information requested from the University following the SET teleconference of 9 September 2015. The SET undertook a site visit to the university on 20 and 21 October 2015. The visit on 20 October focussed on the Endodontics, Periodontics, Special Needs Dentistry and Orthodontics programs while the visit on 21 October focussed on the Prosthodontics, Oral Pathology and Paediatric Dentistry programs. During the visit, meetings were held with:

- The Dean and Head of School of Dentistry
- The Assistant Dean Graduate Studies, Assistant Dean Research and Assistant Dean Learning & Teaching
- The School Manager
- School Administrative staff
- The DCLinDent Program Directors
- A range of academic staff responsible for teaching into the DCLinDent programs
- Other academic staff responsible for the DCLinDent program
- A representative group of students and graduates

The SET also toured the facilities within the School of Dentistry and met with a range of clinical demonstrators and clinical staff.

During the site visit the SET was provided with further documentation including sample theses, log books and examination papers.

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 School of Dentistry has gone through a recent period of uncertainty regarding the future supply of patients through the South Australian Dental Service (SADS). This has now been resolved which allows the School, and the new Dean, to plan for the future with more certainty.

The DCLinDent programs in Endodontics, Oral Pathology, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry and Prosthodontics are generally functioning well, although the SET identified a need to strengthen the staffing profile and broaden the student clinical experience for the Orthodontic program.

There was a general concern by the SET that staffing across all DCLinDent programs is light and several Recommendations are made to strengthen the staff profile during the next period of accreditation.

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The DClinDent in Periodontics has not operated for three years with no student intake planned for 2016. The SET were consequently unable to assess whether the program meets several of the Accreditation Standards.

The SET had significant concerns regarding the staffing, curriculum, clinical experience and assessment for the Special Needs Dentistry program, which has a heavy reliance on SADS staff to support it.

Due to the early stage of construction there is uncertainty over whether the new Adelaide Dental Hospital, due for completion in 2017, will provide the full range of facilities for all programs and a monitoring visit is proposed by late 2017 to review the facilities to determine if they are fit for purpose.

ADC Accreditation Decision

The ADC has determined that the following University of Adelaide programs are re-accredited until **31 December 2020**:

- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral Pathology
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics

Subject to the following conditions:

For all programs:

- 1) In order to fully meet Standard 7 – Teaching Facilities – a monitoring visit be undertaken to review the new Adelaide Dental Hospital to confirm that its clinical and other facilities are appropriate to allow all programs to meet their objectives. The visit to take place no later than **31 December 2017**.

For the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics:

- 2) In order to fully meet Standard 9 – Specialist Staff – the School of Dentistry must provide a report to the ADC advising on how it has updated its staff profile to ensure that there are sufficient academic staff to deliver the program and support the student cohort while ensuring that staff workloads remain sustainable. This report to be provided to the ADC by **31 March 2016**.

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- 3) In order to fully meet Standard 13 – Scholarship and Expertise – the School of Dentistry must provide a report to the ADC detailing how it will provide sufficient exposure to adult patients. This report to be provided to the ADC by **31 March 2016**.

The following University of Adelaide programs are re-accredited until **31 December 2016**:

- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Special Needs Dentistry

Subject to the following conditions:

For the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics:

- 4) In order to meet Standard 3 – Peer Review, Standard 9 – Specialist Staff, Standard 13 – Scholarship and Expertise, Standard 14 – Student Assessment, Standard 18 – Research and Standard 19 – Undergraduate Teaching – the School of Dentistry must do the following:
- a. Put in place sufficient staff to ensure that the program is able to meet its educational objectives. This includes an appropriately qualified and experienced program lead and appropriate sessional staff.
 - b. Put in place and clearly document a curriculum for all years of the program including a clinical timetable, didactic seminars and topics, research training and undergraduate teaching.
 - c. An assessment matrix showing the type and timing of assessments for all years of the program.

A report detailing how these issues have been addressed and how all of the Accreditation Standards have been met to be submitted to the ADC by **30 September 2016**.

For the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Special Needs Dentistry:

- 5) In order to meet Standard 3 – Peer Review, Standard 9 – Specialist Staff, Standard 13 – Scholarship and Expertise, Standard 14 – Student Assessment and Standard 19 – Undergraduate Teaching the School of Dentistry must do the following:
- a. Put in place sufficient University staff to ensure that the program is able to meet its educational objectives. This includes an appropriately qualified and experienced program lead and appropriate sessional staff.
 - b. Put in place and clearly document a curriculum for all years of the program including a clinical timetable, didactic seminars and topics, research training and undergraduate teaching.

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