

### Accreditation Summary Report

<b>Program provider</b>	University of Melbourne
<b>Program/qualification name</b>	Doctor of Dental Surgery
<b>Program/qualification abbreviation</b>	DDS
<b>Program/qualification code</b>	MC-DDENSUR
<b>Head office address, including State</b>	Melbourne Dental School 720 Swanston Street Victoria, 3010 AUSTRALIA
<b>Approved campuses</b>	University of Melbourne Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne
<b>Program length</b>	4 Years
<b>Registration division</b>	Dentistry
<b>Registration specialty</b>	N/A
<b>Qualification type [VET or Higher Education]</b>	Higher Education
<b>Australian Qualifications Framework Level</b>	Level 9
<b>Accreditation standards version</b>	June 2010 Version 1.0
<b>Date of site evaluation</b>	29-30 October 2013
<b>Date of ADC decision</b>	9 May 2014
<b>Type of accreditation</b>	Monitoring visit
<b>Accreditation start date</b>	1 January 2011
<b>Accreditation end date</b>	31 December 2016

### Background

The Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) program at the University of Melbourne is a four year level 9, masters degree (extended) as defined in the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). The DDS was introduced in 2011 and the first cohort graduation will occur in December 2014. It is an example of the Melbourne Model which offers professional programs of study at postgraduate level after completion of a three year generalist undergraduate degree.

The program is administered by the Melbourne Dental School (MDS) in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences. Didactic learning environments are provided by the University of Melbourne. Clinical training for students is provided at the Royal Melbourne Dental Hospital and the Melbourne Dental Clinic. In addition, clinical rural outplacements are provided at: La Trobe Community Health (Moe); Rumbalara Oral Health Centre at Mooroopna, Goulburn Valley Health (Shepparton) and Cobram District Community Health Centre. Clinical metropolitan community health

outplacements are provided at Knox, Whitehorse, PANCH, Doutta Galla, North Fitzroy, MonashLINK, Footscray and Banyule.

The program was initially accredited in 2010 with conditions, including that a site visit be conducted in 2013 to assess the suitability of the program for ongoing accreditation.

### **Summary of the ADC program evaluation**

The accreditation visit to the DDS program was conducted on 29-30 October 2013 by a Site Evaluation Team (SET). During this visit the SET interviewed a wide range of individuals from the University, Faculty, and School, other stakeholders, including from the Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch (ADAVB) and providers of the clinical experience for the DDS program.

The SET considered the School's submission and requested additional information to be provided by the School ahead of the visit. In addition, the SET was provided at the time of the visit, with additional resource materials about the DDS program.

Learning and teaching in the DDS program is based on student centred learning with intended learning outcomes, learning tasks and the assessments of all the subjects aligned to provide the best outcomes for the students. Currently the facilities and resources available meet the clinical and educational objectives of the program.

Teaching staff have appropriate qualifications to provide leadership and teaching in all disciplines, however, the School may wish to consider the impact of workload on key senior staff holding curriculum leadership roles.

Strengths of the program include: the preclinical educational infrastructure that comprises both state-of-the-art virtual reality capacity and simulation units in a dedicated preclinical area; the commitment of a cohesive teaching and research community in the school; the dedicated Melbourne Dental Clinic for clinical training in dentistry and oral health; and continued strong relationships with external partners of the program.

The SET commends the School on the development of the online Melbourne Dental School Clinical Supervisor Education Course and the establishment of the Teaching and Learning Committee.

The program as presented in the School's comprehensive submission will prepare students for competent solo general practice.

### **ADC Accreditation Decision**

The ADC has determined that the University of Melbourne's Doctor of Dental Surgery program has met all conditions of accreditation. Accreditation is maintained without conditions until 31 December 2016.