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**AUSTRALIAN DENTAL COUNCIL
REPORT OF AN EVALUATION OF
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
BACHELOR OF DENTAL SCIENCE (HONOURS)**

September 2015

SUMMARY REPORT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Program provider	University of Queensland
Program/qualification name	Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)
Program/qualification abbreviation	BDS(Hons)
Program/qualification code	2367
Head office address, including State	St Lucia, QLD 4072
Campus	Herston
Program length	5 years
Registration division	Dentist
Registration specialty	NA
Qualification type	HE
Australian Qualifications Framework Level	Level 8
Accreditation standards version	June 2010 version 1.0
Date of site evaluation	17 September 2015
Date of ADC decision	29 October 2015
Type of accreditation	Monitoring Visit
Accreditation start date	1 January 2015
Accreditation end date	31 December 2016

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Background

In 2014 the University of Queensland advised the Australia Dental Council (ADC) that the University had undertaken a review of the Bachelor of Dental Science (BDSc) program to ensure compliance with the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). The review determined that the program meets the requirements of an AQF level 8 qualification and as such, the University of Queensland requested the ADC to accredit the Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) (BDSc(Hons)) program in 2014 so that students could be transferred into the renamed program.

The ADC undertook a paper-based review of the program in 2014 and the BDSc(Hons) program was accredited until 31 December 2016, subject to a monitoring visit to be undertaken to confirm that the new Oral Health Centre (OHC) at the Herston Campus maintains the provision of student clinical experiences and appropriate operation of the clinic in compliance with Standards 5 (Physical Facilities), 9 (Clinic administration) and Standard 10 (Preparation for practice).

Overview of the Evaluation

An ADC Site Evaluation Team (SET) conducted a monitoring visit to the University of Queensland's OHC at the Herston Campus on 17 September 2015. This combined visit reviewed the BDSc(Hons) program and the Bachelor of Oral Health (BOralH) program. The BOralH program is the subject of a separate report.

The SET reviewed the School's 10 page submission against the three accreditation standards identified above, as well as the additional information requested from the School following the SET's teleconference held on 17 August 2015.

The SET met with a range of staff and students involved in the program including:

- The Head of School
- The Deputy Head of School
- Business Manager
- Student and academic services manager
- BDSc(Hons) Program coordinator
- Year Coordinators
- Dental Services Team Leader

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- Treatment coordinator
- Senior Dental Assistant
- Students from all years of the program.

The SET toured the facilities, observed students in clinic and were provided with additional material at the time of the visit including student clinical logbooks and reports from the Spark Titanium® patient management system.

Key Findings

The School of Dentistry is to be commended for the new facilities now in operation at the OHC. Student access to pre-clinical and clinical facilities are excellent. Students have access to meeting rooms, library computers and break out space within the Student Centre located within the new building. The clinical protocols provided to the SET are appropriate to ensure a safe clinical environment is maintained for staff, students and patients.

The School is encouraged to ensure that sufficient Treatment Coordinators are available to greet patients on arrival at the various clinics in operation within the Oral Health Centre, particularly as patients learn the layout of the new facility.

Access to paediatric patients has been identified as an area for further development and the School is aware of the need to continue to develop this aspect of the patient pool. Overall the facilities appear to provide excellent opportunities for students to develop the required skills and competencies to practice safely as independent solo practitioners.

ADC Accreditation Decision

The ADC has determined that the accreditation of the University of Queensland's Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) program is maintained until **31 December 2016**.