

Accreditation Summary Report

Program provider	University of Queensland
Program/qualification name	Bachelor of Oral Health
Program/qualification abbreviation	BOralH
Program/qualification code	2017
Head office address, including State	288 Herston Road, Herston QLD 4006
Approved campus(es)	Herston Campus
Program length	3 years full time
Registration division	Dental hygienist Dental therapist Oral health therapist
Registration specialty	n/a
Qualification type [VET or HE]	HE
Australian Qualifications Framework Level	Level 7
Accreditation standards version	June 2010 version 1.0
Date of site evaluation	15 & 16 April 2014
Date of ADC decision	8 August 2014
Type of Accreditation	Re-accreditation
Accreditation start date	1 January 2014
Accreditation end date	31 December 2018

Background

The University of Queensland (UQ) Bachelor of Oral Health (BOralH) program is a three year, level 7 bachelor degree as defined by the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). Graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) as oral health therapists, dental hygienists and dental therapists. Graduates provide care for patients of all ages, with dental therapy restorative care limited to children, adolescents and young adults.

The program is administered on a day to day basis by the School of Dentistry, which sits within the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences. The School of Dentistry is scheduled to move from its current location at Turbot Street, Brisbane to the new University of Queensland Oral Health Centre (OHC) in Herston as of June 2014. The new OHC offers lecture theatres, simulation laboratories, a dedicated Bachelor of Oral Health clinic as well as library facilities, student breakout rooms and staff offices.

The program was initially accredited by the ADC in 2002 and visited again in 2008, at which time the program was re-accredited with conditions for a further five years. The accreditation of the program was extended in November 2012 until 31 December 2014

to allow the construction of the new facilities to be completed and for a visit to be undertaken in the first half of 2014.

Summary of the ADC program evaluation

The accreditation visit to the BOralH program was conducted on 15-16 April 2014 by a Site Evaluation Team (SET).

The SET was provided with a comprehensive written submission prior to the visit. The SET considered the submission and requested that additional information be provided ahead of the visit. In addition the SET was provided with additional information during the visit including staff CV's, course timetables and updated course profiles.

During this visit the SET interviewed a wide range of individuals from the School of Dentistry, including course coordinators, academic staff, clinical demonstrators, clinical staff, students, graduates and other stakeholders.

The impressive facilities under construction at Herston will provide the School of Dentistry with a state of the art facility that has the potential to deliver a team based learning environment for students.

Staff and students are enthusiastic about the Program and the opportunities the move to the new facility will provide.

Changes to the patient pool as a result of the move to Herston and the cessation of student placements at the Yeronga clinic will need to be monitored to ensure a suitable diversity of patients is available for the Program to continue to meet its educational objectives. Although the School has undertaken significant planning in preparation for the move, the School must now demonstrate that the planning has been effective and that the potential of the new facility is fully realised by ensuring the patient pool is adequate for students at the OHC.

The move to the OHC provides an opportunity for students to further develop their skills in dental therapy. The move to the OHC will enable BOralH students to develop the full range of restorative skills consistent with the scope of practice defined by the DBA for a dental therapist.

ADC Accreditation Decision

The ADC has determined that the University of Queensland Bachelor of Oral Health program is re-accredited for a period of five (5) years from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2018 subject to the following condition:

- That in the second half of 2015, the ADC undertake a site visit to assess whether the Oral Health Centre at Herston maintains the provision of student clinical experiences and appropriate operation of the clinic in compliance with Standards 5 (Physical Facilities), 10 (Clinic administration) and Standard 11 (Preparation for practice).