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**AUSTRALIAN DENTAL COUNCIL
REPORT OF AN EVALUATION OF
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
DOCTOR OF CLINICAL DENTISTRY (ORAL SURGERY)**

April 2016

SUMMARY REPORT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Program provider	University of Sydney
Program/qualification name	Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (Oral Surgery)
Program/qualification abbreviation	DClinDent(Oral Surgery)
Program/qualification code	TCCLDORS-01
Head office address, including State	Faculty of Dentistry, Level 2, Westmead Centre for Oral Health, Westmead Hospital, Darcy Road, Westmead NSW 2145
Campuses	Westmead, SDH, Nepean, RNSH, OBH, DDC
Program length	3 Years
Registration division	Specialist Dentist
Registration specialty	Oral Surgery
Qualification type	Master's Degree
Australian Qualifications Framework Level	9
Accreditation standards version	Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs (Approved Dec 2014)
Date of site evaluation	20 - 21 April 2016
Date of ADC decision	12 August 2016
Type of accreditation	Initial Accreditation
Accreditation start date	1 January 2017
Accreditation end date	31 December 2021

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Background

The University of Sydney's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent) (Oral Surgery) was first developed in 2012, although it was only formally put forward for initial accreditation in 2016. As a forerunner to the program the University has offered a Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Surgical Dentistry) in recent years which has allowed the various hospital clinics to become familiar with the requirements for the appropriate support of the program. It is planned to commence the DClinDent (Oral Surgery) in first semester 2017.

The program will be delivered in Sydney as well as regional New South Wales hospitals and clinics and will be the only DClinDent in Oral Surgery currently offered in Australia. Once accredited by the ADC and approved by the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) graduates of the program will be eligible to apply to the DBA to register as specialist dentists in Oral Surgery.

Overview of the Evaluation

The Site Evaluation Team (SET) received the University of Sydney's 18-page submission against the Accreditation Standards, various appendices and subsequent information requested from the University following the SET teleconference of 22 March 2016. The SET undertook a site visit to the University on 20 and 21 April 2016. The visit on 20 April was based at Westmead Centre for Oral Health (WCOH) while the visit on 21 April was based at Nepean Hospital. During the visit, meetings were held with:

- The Dean and Head of the Faculty of Dentistry and the Pro Dean
- The Head of Westmead Centre for Oral Health and the Director of the Nepean & Blue Mountains Oral Health Service
- The Faculty General Manager
- School professional and support staff
- The course co-ordinator
- A range of academic staff responsible for teaching into the program
- Members of the Faculty Learning and Teaching Committee
- Graduates and current students of the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Surgical Dentistry)

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The SET also toured the facilities within the Westmead Centre for Oral Health and the Nepean Hospital and met with a range of clinical staff.

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

While the program is yet to be delivered, the documentation shows it to be well-structured and set up so that the graduates are likely to achieve the program's learning outcomes. There appears to be a large pool of patients to support the program and the proposed student numbers, particularly at Nepean Hospital where a significant part of the program will be delivered.

The laboratory and learning facilities at Westmead Centre for Oral Health, while aging, are adequate to support the program, while the facilities at Nepean Hospital are near-new and provide a good learning environment for the students.

Academic governance processes for the program are appropriate and provide for an appropriate oversight. The appropriate range of support services are available to the students, while information about the program is clear and accessible.

There is a clear admissions rubric and a pool of potential applicants for the program, while assessment appears appropriate for this type of program.

ADC Accreditation Decision

The ADC has determined that the University of Sydney's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (Oral Surgery) program is accredited from **1 January 2017** until **31 December 2021**. The ADC has determined that as a monitoring requirement a visit be undertaken when the first cohort of students are in the final year of the program to ensure that the program is rolling out as intended and that it continues to meet the Accreditation Standards.