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**AUSTRALIAN DENTAL COUNCIL  
ASSESSMENT OF A PROGRAM TO EXTEND SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

**UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE  
PANORAMIC RADIOGRAPHY FOR LICENSING**

**July 2016**

# SUMMARY REPORT

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Program provider</b>	University of Adelaide
<b>Program/qualification name</b>	Panoramic Radiography for Licensing
<b>Program/qualification abbreviation</b>	Panoramic Radiography
<b>Program/qualification code</b>	
<b>Head office address, including State</b>	School of Dentistry, North Terrace Campus, Adelaide SA 5005
<b>Campus</b>	Dental Simulation Clinic, Colgate Clinic, Adelaide Dental Hospital
<b>Program length</b>	30 hours
<b>Registration division</b>	Dental Hygienist, Dental Therapist, Oral Health Therapist
<b>Classification/Area of Practice</b>	Radiography
<b>Qualification type</b>	Program to extend scope
<b>Australian Qualifications Framework Level</b>	N/A
<b>Accreditation standards version</b>	Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs (Approved Dec 2014)
<b>Date of site evaluation</b>	N/A – Paper based review
<b>Date of ADC decision</b>	12 August 2016
<b>Type of accreditation</b>	Initial Accreditation
<b>Accreditation start date</b>	12 August 2016
<b>Accreditation end date</b>	31 December 2018

# SUMMARY OF TEAM'S FINDINGS AGAINST EACH STANDARD

## Background

The University of Adelaide's Panoramic Radiography for Licensing program is a short course offered through the University's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) unit. The Panoramic Radiography program is offered as standalone program to extend the scope of practice for dental hygienists, dental therapists and oral health therapists that have not previously undertaken training in taking a panoramic image.

The course is currently approved by the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) as a program to extend scope, but has not previously been accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC).

The program aims to provide the skills and knowledge required to expose, assess and examine a panoramic image and the ability to recognize normal and abnormal panoramic anatomy and to identify soft and hard tissue structures and landmarks.

## Overview of the Evaluation

The ADC appointed a Site Evaluation Team (SET) to undertake a paper based review of the program. The SET reviewed the University of Adelaide's 10 page submission and associated attachments against the Accreditation Standards. In completing its report, the SET also drew on information from the ADC's 2014 review of the University of Adelaide's Bachelor of Oral Health program and related submission.

## Key Findings

The University of Adelaide's Panoramic Radiography for Licensing program is delivered at one of three locations, which include the Simulation Clinic, the Colgate Clinic of the School of Dentistry or the Radiology Unit of the Adelaide Dental Hospital. The program is open to dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, oral health therapists and dental assistants who hold a current Intra-Oral Radiography license. Participants are provided with access to a range of electronic lecture content and reading lists and must complete four multiple choice assessment quizzes and a self test in radiographic anatomy. Participants attend one day of face to face training and assessment and are required to expose 20 images under the supervision of a licensed practitioner and then submit a logbook and written critiques.

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The staff teaching the program are appropriately qualified and include dental practitioners as well as medical radiographers. The SET was provided with the unit outline and copies of assessments to be completed, which are appropriate for the knowledge and skills taught.

Participants are provided with access to information regarding course requirements, reading lists and assessments to be undertaken. Participants are not enrolled as students, but provided with support from the CPD Unit administrative officer and main presenter to complete the program.

The SET were provided with the process to be followed should a participant seek to lodge a grievance or complaint.

## ADC Accreditation Decision

The ADC determined that the University of Adelaide's Panoramic Radiography for Licensing program is accredited as a program to extend scope from **12 August 2016** to **31 December 2018**.