

## Accreditation Summary Report

<b>Program provider</b>	TAFE SA
<b>Program/qualification name</b>	Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics
<b>Program/qualification abbreviation</b>	ADDP
<b>Program/qualification code</b>	HLT60412
<b>Head office address, including State</b>	33, Blacks Road Gilles Plains, SA 5086
<b>Approved campus</b>	Centre for Dental Studies , TAFE SA
<b>Program length</b>	2 years
<b>Registration division</b>	Dental prosthetist
<b>Registration specialty</b>	N/A
<b>Qualification type [VET or HE]</b>	VET
<b>Australian Qualifications Framework Level</b>	Level 6
<b>Accreditation standards version</b>	December 2012 - Version 1.2 – Updated July 2013
<b>Date of site evaluation</b>	1-2 May 2014
<b>Date of ADC decision</b>	8 August 2014
<b>Type of accreditation</b>	Initial accreditation
<b>Accreditation start date</b>	8 August 2014
<b>Accreditation end date</b>	7 August 2019

### Background

The Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics (ADDP) commenced delivery at TAFE SA in July 2010. Graduates of the ADDP are eligible to apply for registration as dental prosthetists with the DBA.

This is the first time the program has been reviewed for accreditation purposes by the Australian Dental Council (ADC). The program is also accredited within the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector and therefore needs to meet both the ADC and Australian Skills Quality Authority's (ASQA's) accreditation requirements.

The school has the capacity to enrol 16 students every two years and applicants to the course must hold a Diploma of Dental Technology or equivalent.

The Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics (HLT60412) forms part of the Health Training Package. The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&HISC) is currently reviewing the training package, with the updated training package expected to be rolled out to education providers in the second half of 2014.

TAFE SA will be required to review the ADDP curriculum to comply with the new training package.

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

The Site Evaluation Team (SET) visited TAFE SA on 1 and 2 May 2014. The visit was combined to review the ADDP program and the Advanced Diploma of Oral Health (Dental Hygiene) program simultaneously.

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. During the visit the SET was also provided with access to TAFE SA's e-Learning platform.

The SET interviewed a wide variety of stakeholders from the Centre for Dental Studies (CDS), including staff, students and previous graduates as well as industry representatives and a representative from the South Australian Dental Service.

The ADDP students use the clinical and laboratory facilities of the CDS at the Gillies Plains campus of TAFE SA. The students are only present on the campus on Fridays.

The SET team was able to observe the students treating patients in the clinic. The clinic was renovated in 2008 and the facilities are excellent.

The staff numbers for the ADDP program are at the minimum required and the SET notes two key staff members are leaving at the end of the first semester 2014. While these staff members will be replaced the SET team recommends that a succession strategy be implemented.

The SET finds that the curriculum meets the standard but identified that a closer relationship with the South Australian Dental Service (SADS) dentists and staff may be beneficial for the students' clinical experience in clinical areas such as immediate dentures. Students could benefit from an expansion in the amount of face-to-face delivery of underpinning knowledge in dedicated theory sessions of the program.

The graduates of the ADDP program are well prepared clinically for the independent treatment of patients.

### **ADC Accreditation Decision**

The ADC has determined that TAFE SA's Advance Diploma of Dental Prosthetics is accredited for a period of five (5) years from 8 August 2014 to 7 August 2019 with the following condition:

That a further review of the program occur in three (3) years to assess the implementation of the new training package against Standards 8, 11 and 12 (with the timing of this review subject to the timeline for the final approval of the revised training package).