



**AUSTRALIAN DENTAL COUNCIL  
REPORT OF AN EVALUATION OF  
UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE  
DOCTOR OF CLINICAL DENTISTRY PROGRAMS IN ENDODONTICS,  
ORAL PATHOLOGY, ORTHODONTICS, PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY &  
PROSTHODONTICS**

**October 2017**

# SUMMARY REPORT

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Program provider</b>	University of Adelaide
<b>Program/qualification names, Program/qualification abbreviation, Program/qualification code</b>	Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics, DCLinDent, DENT 7212A-DENT 7214B Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral Pathology, DCLinDent, DENT 7222A-DENT 7224B Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics, DCLinDent, DENT 7232A-DENT 7234B Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry, DCLinDent, DENT 7242A-DENT 7244B Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics, DCLinDent, DENT 7262A-DENT 7264B
<b>Head office address, including State</b>	The University of Adelaide, SA 5005
<b>Campus</b>	North Terrace Campus
<b>Program length</b>	3 Years
<b>Registration division</b>	Specialist Dentist
<b>Registration specialty</b>	Endodontics, Oral Pathology, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Periodontics
<b>Qualification type</b>	HE
<b>Australian Qualifications Framework Level</b>	9
<b>Accreditation standards version</b>	Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs (Approved Dec 2014)
<b>Date of site evaluation</b>	18 October 2017
<b>Date of ADC decision</b>	12 December 2017
<b>Type of accreditation</b>	Monitoring
<b>Accreditation start date</b>	1 January 2016
<b>Accreditation end date</b>	31 December 2020

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## Background

The Australian Dental Council (ADC) last reviewed the University of Adelaide's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent) programs in 2015. At the time of the visit a newly established "Dental Partnership" agreement between the University of Adelaide and South Australia Health (SA Health) was recognised as a future major change to these accredited programs.

The partnership agreement included an investment from the University in the new Adelaide Dental Hospital (ADH) which opened in July 2017. From July 2017, students in the majority of the DClinDent programs utilise the new ADH as the main dental facilities for clinical experience.

The DClinDent programs in the disciplines of Endodontics, Oral Pathology, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry and Prosthodontics are accredited, subject to the condition that a visit is undertaken before 31 December 2017 to review the new ADH and confirm that its clinical and other facilities are appropriate to allow all programs to meet their objectives.

The disciplines of Periodontics and Special Needs Dentistry are subject to differing accreditation periods and as such are not part of this review process.

## Overview of the Evaluation

The Site Evaluation Team (SET) received the University of Adelaide's limited submission specific to the DClinDent programs totalling 6 pages. The School was requested to only address Accreditation Standards and criteria specific to the clinical facilities, including Standard 1 – Public Safety, specifically criterion 1.4 and 1.5 and Standard 3 – Program of Study, specifically criteria 3.8, 3.9 and 3.11.

Further information was requested from the School following the SET teleconference of 17 August 2017. The SET undertook a site visit to the ADH on 18 October 2017. This review was combined with the visit to address the monitoring requirement imposed on the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) program which is the subject of a separate report.

During the visit, meetings were held with:

- Interim Dean and Head of School of Dentistry
- Staff with overall responsibility for the BDS and DClinDent programs
- Assistant Dean, Clinical
- A representative from the South Australian Dental Service (SADS)
- Casual clinical demonstrators for the BDS and DClinDent programs

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- A range of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year BDS students
- DCLinDent students

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

The new clinical facilities available to the DCLinDent students at the ADH are appropriate. The combined DCLinDent offices enable students across disciplines to interact and also provides opportunities for cross discipline treatment planning. The laboratory facilities are excellent and the evidence indicates the School has the resources to support the DCLinDent programs.

The DCLinDent in Orthodontics program would be further enhanced with greater access to adult patients and complex inter-disciplinary surgical cases. Additionally, students are not exposed to early mixed dentition treatment. The School will need to identify further opportunities to address these limitations.

The SET was advised of the limitations on treatment options available to DCLinDent in Prosthodontic students regarding multi-unit implant restorations and digital planning processes. These issues should be addressed by the School to further enhance the student experience.

## ADC Accreditation Decision

The ADC has determined that the October 2017 monitoring visit satisfies all conditions of accreditation and that accreditation be maintained until **31 December 2020** for the following University of Adelaide programs:

- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral Pathology
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics