



Australian Dental Council report of an evaluation of the University of Queensland's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics program

June 2018

Summary report

Program provider	University of Queensland
Program/qualification name	Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics
Program/qualification abbreviation	DClinDent
Program/qualification code	5404
Head office address, including State	288 Herston Road (Cnr Bramston Terrace) Herston QLD 4006
Campus	Herston
Program length	3 Years
Registration division	Specialist Dentist
Registration specialty	Prosthodontics
Qualification type	HE
Australian Qualifications Framework level	9
Accreditation standards version	Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs (Approved Dec 2014)
Date of site evaluation	13 June 2018
Date of ADC decision	3 August 2018
Type of accreditation	Monitoring
Accreditation start date	1 January 2017
Accreditation end date	31 December 2021

Background

In 2016 the Australian Dental Council (ADC) reviewed the University of Queensland's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent) program Prosthodontics for the purpose of accreditation.

The DClinDent in Prosthodontics program was accredited for a period of five years, subject to a condition and a monitoring requirement that a visit be undertaken when the first expected cohort commenced in 2017. The ADC determined that the visit was to include a review of the prosthetics laboratory within the Oral Health Centre (OHC) at Herston.

The monitoring requirement for the DClinDent in Prosthodontics program was amended when no cohort commenced in 2017 to require that a visit be conducted during the first year that students are enrolled in order to ensure that the program is being implemented as presented to the Site Evaluation Team (SET) and that it continues to meet the Accreditation Standards. The first cohort of students commenced in the DClinDent in Prosthodontics program in 2018.

Overview of evaluation

An ADC SET conducted a site visit on 13 June 2018 to the OHC at Herston.

The SET reviewed the School of Dentistry's 36 page self-review against the Accreditation Standards, attached appendices and additional information requested following the SET's teleconferences of 5 April 2018.

During the visit the SET interviewed a range of individuals, including:

- Head of School
- Teaching and Learning Chair
- Acting School Manager
- Acting Student and Academic Services Officer
- Higher Degree by Research Coordinator
- Director of Research
- Acting Director Oral Health Alliance (OHA) and Prosthodontics Discipline Lead
- Clinical Services Change Manager
- Staff teaching into the Prosthodontics programs
- Current students within the Prosthodontics program

The SET toured the facilities at the OHC at Herston and was provided with additional information including plans for the prosthodontic laboratory to be constructed.

Key findings

The DClinDent in Prosthodontics program is being implemented as previously advised, with the evidence gathered indicating that students have access to the range of cases and experiences expected for a specialist prosthodontics program.

The contract for the construction of a new dental laboratory within the OHC had been signed on the day before the SET visit. The new laboratory is expected to be functional by the end of year, which will allow students to undertake all stages of laboratory procedures consistent with achieving the desired learning outcomes for a specialist prosthodontic program. Once the dental laboratory is operational the School will need to confirm that it is appropriately resourced to assist students to achieve the required learning outcomes.

ADC accreditation decision

The ADC has determined that the visit to review the University of Queensland's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics program satisfies the monitoring requirement as imposed on the 5 May 2017. As a monitoring requirement for the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics program, the University of Queensland is to provide a report to the ADC by **1 April 2019** advising of the laboratory facilities available to students within the Oral Health Centre. The report is to include details of the staffing of the laboratory and the access available to students.