

**AUSTRALIAN DENTAL COUNCIL
REPORT OF AN EVALUATION OF
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
DOCTOR OF CLINICAL DENTISTRY PROGRAMS IN:
ENDODONTICS
ORAL MEDICINE & ORAL PATHOLOGY
ORTHODONTICS
PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
PERIODONTICS**

July 2015

SUMMARY REPORT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Program provider	University of Western Australia
Program/qualification names, Program/qualification abbreviation, Program/qualification code	Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics, DClinDent, 90840 Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral Medicine & Oral Pathology, DClinDent, 90840 Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics, DClinDent, 90840 Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry, DClinDent, 90840 Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics, DClinDent, 90840
Head office address, including State	School of Dentistry, 17 Monash Avenue, Nedlands WA 6009
Campus	Nedlands
Program length	3 years
Registration division	Specialist Dentist
Registration specialty	Endodontics, Oral Medicine or Oral Pathology, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Periodontics
Qualification type	HE
Australian Qualifications Framework Level	Level 9
Accreditation standards version	Version 1, June 2010
Date of site evaluation	30 - 31 July 2015
Date of ADC decision	29 September 2015
Type of accreditation	Re-accreditation
Accreditation start date for the following programs only: Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry	1 January 2016

SUMMARY REPORT

Accreditation end date for the following programs only:	
Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics	31 December 2020
Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics	
Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry	

Background

The University of Western Australia's (UWA's) Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent) programs were last reviewed for the purposes of accreditation by the Australian Dental Council (ADC) in 2010. At that time the ADC determined that all programs – Endodontics, Oral Medicine & Oral Pathology, Orthodontics and Periodontics - be accredited until 31 December 2015 subject to the requirements to submit annual reports demonstrating satisfactory progress with implementation of the recommendations and suggestions of the 2010 accreditation report.

The DClinDent in Periodontics was subject to the following additional condition:

- a Peer Review Report of the program to be forwarded to the ADC by the end of 2011.

Subsequent to the 2010 re-accreditation visit the University decided to add Paediatric Dentistry to its suite of DClinDent programs. An accreditation visit to UWA was undertaken in October 2011 to review the new program. Subsequent to the site visit the ADC determined to accredit the program until 31 December 2016.

Depending on the discipline undertaken, the DClinDent programs enable graduates to apply to the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) to register as specialist dentists in:

- Endodontics
- Oral Medicine
- Oral Pathology
- Orthodontics
- Paediatric Dentistry
- Periodontics

SUMMARY REPORT

Overview of the Evaluation

The Site Evaluation Team (SET) received UWA's 61-page submission against the Accreditation Standards and subsequent information requested from the university following the SET teleconferences of 10 and 11 June 2015. The SET undertook a site visit to UWA on 30 and 31 July 2015. The visit on 30 July focussed on the Endodontics, Oral Medicine/Oral Pathology and Orthodontics programs while the visit on 31 July focussed on the Periodontics and Paediatric Dentistry programs. During the visit, meetings were held with:

- The Acting Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
- The Head, School of Dentistry
- The School Manager
- The School Finance Manager
- The Co-ordinator of Clinics
- The General Manager (Oral Health Centre of Western Australia (OHCWA))
- A range of academic staff responsible for teaching into the DClintDent
- The DClintDent Program Coordinators
- Other academic staff responsible for the DClintDent program
- A representative group of students

The SET also toured the facilities at the OHCWA and met with a range of clinical demonstrators and clinical staff. Facilities within the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences and the School of Dentistry were also viewed.

Key Findings

The School has been through a period of instability in recent years with a new Head of School appointed in early 2015. The new Head is in the process of implementing a number of positive changes including the introduction of formal staff performance reviews, regular meetings with students and targeted recruitment of further academic and professional staff. The preceding period of instability has resulted in slow adoption of the Recommendations made in the previous SET report.

The programs in Endodontics, Orthodontics and Paediatric Dentistry are well structured, with good facilities and meet the Accreditation Standards, with two reporting conditions proposed for the Paediatric Dentistry program given uncertainty over the future staff profile of the program and the lack of clear documentation for the didactic part of the program.

SUMMARY REPORT

The program in Oral Medicine does not meet several of the Accreditation Standards – and the SET had concerns over the curriculum content, staffing of the program and the clinical experience which the SET did not believe was sufficient to prepare the students for practice.

The program in Periodontics does not meet several of the Accreditation Standards. The SET has concerns over the staffing of the program, the available resources and critical aspects of the clinical training that, on the available evidence, would be insufficient to prepare the students for practice.

ADC Accreditation Decision

The ADC has determined that the following University of Western Australia programs be re-accredited until **31 December 2020**:

Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics
Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics
Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry

Subject to the following conditions:

For all DClinDent programs:

- 1) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 21 – *Strategies for Improvement* - that, once completed and signed off by the university, the School forward a copy of its Strategic Plan to the ADC

For the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry

- 2) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 9 – *Specialist Staff* – the School must report to the ADC details of its staff profile for the DClinDent in Paediatric Dentistry for the 2016 academic year. The report must also detail how the staffing profile is sufficient to achieve the program objectives. This report is to be submitted to the ADC by **31 December 2015**.
- 3) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 3 – *Peer Review* – the School must provide clear documentation for the didactic elements of the program – including lectures, seminars and pre-clinical hands-on sessions. This documentation is to be submitted to the ADC by **31 December 2015**.

SUMMARY REPORT

The ADC has determined that the following University of Western Australia programs are refused accreditation following the expiry of their current accreditation on 31 December 2015:

Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology
Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics

unless the following conditions are met by **31 December 2015**:

For the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology:

- 4) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 3 – *Peer Review* – the School must submit to the ADC a detailed curriculum for all years of the program which includes:
 - a. A full timetable for each year
 - b. Supervisory arrangements
 - c. Clinical resources that will be available to students

The curriculum must provide adequate training in temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain as well as ensuring that the program's learning objectives align with the definition of oral medicine as defined by the Dental Board of Australia.

- 5) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 9 – *Specialist Staff* – the School must put in place sufficient specialist staff to enable the program to deliver its educational objectives. This must include:
 - a. A discipline lead with sufficient qualifications, time commitment and experience to ensure delivery of all didactic and clinical aspects of the program in line with the revised curriculum specified in Condition 4
 - b. Other staff with appropriate specialist qualifications appropriate to the program and sufficient in number to support the student cohort
- 6) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 13 – *Scholarship and Expertise* – the School must provide information that demonstrates:
 - a. How students are being prepared for competent practice in oral medicine on graduation

SUMMARY REPORT

- b. Arrangements for the timing, supervision and content of student research relevant to the program and commensurate with an AQF level 9 program
 - c. An appropriate range of seminars and scholarly activities are in place for students
- 7) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 14 – *Student Assessment* – the School must provide clear documentation detailing the full range of formative and summative assessments for the program and their alignment with the program learning outcomes
- 8) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 20 – *Evaluation of Outcomes* – the School must put in place formal feedback mechanisms for students and other stakeholders and detail how that feedback will be considered within the university's academic governance mechanisms to improve the program.

A report that demonstrates all of the conditions are met in full must be submitted to the ADC by **31 December 2015**.

For the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics:

- 9) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 3 – *Peer Review* and Standard 13 – *Scholarship and Expertise* – the School must revise the curriculum and timetable and clearly demonstrate that:
- a. There is a full timetable in place for the didactic and clinical aspects for each year of the program
 - b. There is appropriate and timely coverage of implantology
 - c. There is a sufficient level of prosthodontic input into the program
 - d. Appropriately qualified staff are available to deliver the relevant aspects of the program
 - e. The timetable is appropriate to both a Semester 1 and Semester 2 intake
 - f. The two newly enrolled students are making appropriate progress in their studies by providing an outline of clinical and didactic activities for Semester 2, 2015.
- 10) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 9 – *Specialist Staff* – the School must put in place sufficient specialist staff to enable the program to deliver its educational objectives. This must include:
- a. Sufficient, and appropriately qualified, specialist staff to support and cover all aspects of clinical training, including the provision of appropriate supervision

SUMMARY REPORT

b. Sufficient, and appropriately qualified, specialist staff to deliver the implant component of the program

11) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 14 – *Student Assessment* – the School must demonstrate that has put in place a clearly stated, valid and reliable system of formative and summative assessment and map this to the learning outcomes for the program

12) In order to demonstrate that it complies fully with Standard 18 – *Research* – the School must advise of the measures that have been put in place to ensure a commitment to research activity by the staff supporting the program.

A report that demonstrates all of the conditions are met in full must be submitted to the ADC by **31 December 2015**.