



Australian Dental Council report of an evaluation of TAFE Queensland's Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics program

September 2018

Summary report

Program provider	TAFE Queensland
Program/qualification name	Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics
Program/qualification abbreviation	BDP
Program/qualification code	
Head office address, including State	66 Ernest Street, South Brisbane, QLD 4101
Campus	TAFE Queensland Brisbane
Program length	3 Years
Registration division	Dental Prosthetist
Registration specialty	N/A
Qualification type	HE
Australian Qualifications Framework level	7
Accreditation standards version	Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs (Approved Dec 2014)
Date of site evaluation	12 - 13 September 2018
Date of ADC decision	2 November 2018
Type of accreditation	Re-accreditation
Accreditation start date	1 January 2019
Accreditation end date	31 December 2023

Background

TAFE Queensland's Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics is accredited until 31 December 2018. The program was last visited for monitoring purposes in March 2017. The program's accreditation was confirmed with no conditions.

Graduates of the program are eligible to apply to the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) for registration as dental prosthetists. The first students are due to complete the program at the end of 2018.

Overview of evaluation

An Australian Dental Council (ADC) Site Evaluation Team (SET) conducted a site visit on 13-14 September 2018 at TAFE Queensland, Brisbane. The SET reviewed the TAFE's submission against the Standards, attached appendices and additional information requested following the SET's teleconference of 31 July 2018.

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

- Senior executives and managers
- Course convenor
- Clinical demonstrators
- Teaching staff
- Dental clinic support staff
- Administrative and student support staff
- A representative of the Australian Dental Prosthetists Association (ADPA)
- Current students

The SET toured the facilities at the TAFE dental laboratory and prosthetics clinic and observed dental prosthetist students in clinic.

Key findings

The evidence gathered by the SET indicates that TAFE Queensland's Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics program will produce graduates competent to practice across a range of settings.

The SET identified a number of commendable aspects of the program. The program has good links with industry and constructive engagement with the professional association. The program demonstrated an openness to gathering and acting on feedback from students, with examples

of how the program had been improved as a result of this feedback. The laboratory, clinical and campus facilities available to students are excellent. Throughout the site visit the SET was impressed with the supportive and collegial relationships of the dental team including senior management.

Student numbers are anticipated to increase in the future. Students currently receive sufficient clinical education and the SET recommends that, should numbers increase, that the TAFE explore opportunities to ensure that students continue to have access to a sufficient range of patient cases.

ADC accreditation decision

The ADC has determined that TAFE Queensland's Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics program is re-accredited until **31 December 2023**.