

**Australian Dental Council report of an evaluation of
The University of Melbourne Dental Doctor of Clinical Dentistry
programs in:**

- **Endodontics**
- **Oral Medicine**
- **Orthodontics**
- **Paediatric Dentistry**
- **Periodontics**
- **Prosthodontics**
- **Special Needs Dentistry**

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Summary report

Program provider	The University of Melbourne
Program/qualification names, Program/qualification abbreviation, Program/qualification code	Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics, DCLinDent, 661AA Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral Medicine, DCLinDent, 661AA Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics, DCLinDent, 661AA Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry, DCLinDent, 661AA Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics, DCLinDent, 661AA Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics, DCLinDent, 661AA Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Special Needs Dentistry, DCLinDent, 661AA
Head office address, including State	The University of Melbourne, 720 Swanston Street, Carlton VIC 3053
Campuses	720 Swanston Street, Carlton VIC 3053 Melbourne Dental Clinic, 723 Swanston Street, Carlton VIC 3053
Program length	3 years
Registration division	Specialist Dentist
Registration speciality	Endodontics, Oral Medicine, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Special Needs Dentistry
Qualification type	HE
Australian Qualifications Framework level	9
Accreditation standards version	Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs (Approved Dec 2014)
Date of site evaluation	Paper based review
Date of ADC decision	18 November 2020

Type of accreditation	Re-Accreditation
Accreditation start date	1 January 2021
Accreditation end date	31 December 2025

Background

The University of Melbourne's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent) programs were last reviewed for the purposes of accreditation by the Australian Dental Council (ADC) in 2015. The programs were reviewed against the accreditation standards in effect at the time. Several Standards were identified as being 'Substantially met' resulting in conditions imposed on the Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry and Periodontics programs. The conditions for these three programs were subsequently met and all seven DClinDent programs offered by the Melbourne Dental School (MDS) have operated since 2016 with no further conditions having been imposed.

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
- Orthodontics
- Paediatric Dentistry
- Periodontics
- Prosthodontics
- Special Needs Dentistry

Overview of evaluation

This assessment was undertaken in accordance with the *ADC's protocol to monitor the impacts on accredited programs of the COVID-19 pandemic*.

An ADC Site Evaluation Team (SET) conducted a paper-based review based on The University of Melbourne's submission and associated appendices across all of the different specialisations from June to August 2020.

The findings in this report are based on the SET's assessment of the material outlined above, annual reports submitted for the programs and the *ADC Report of an evaluation of The University of Melbourne Doctor of Dental Surgery programs May 2015*.

Key findings

The Melbourne Dental School continues to offer DClinDent programs that attract a strong cohort of engaged students. Research output across the programs is strong. Each program is led by an experienced and well qualified program lead with evidence of formal succession planning across all specialisations other than the Orthodontics specialisation.

The provider has a robust academic governance structure and student support facilities (both academic and personal) in place and access to a range of clinical placements. Since this was a paper-based review the appropriateness of these facilities will need to be confirmed at a subsequent site visit

The evidence provided supports that students enrolled in the DClinDent programs have the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies expected of the dental specialists in endodontics, oral medicine, orthodontics, paediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics and special needs dentistry.

ADC Accreditation decision

The ADC has determined that the following programs offered by The University of Melbourne are re-accredited for a period of five (5) years from **1 January 2021** until **31 December 2025**:

- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral Medicine
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Paediatric Dentistry
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Special Needs Dentistry

Accreditation is subject to the following conditions:

1. For the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics and the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics programs to fully meet Standard 3 – Program of study, the provider is required to submit by **30 June 2021** details of how the diagnosis and management of orofacial pain has been comprehensively incorporated into the curriculum of both programs.
2. For the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Special Needs Dentistry program to fully meet Standard 3 – Program of study, the provider is required to submit by **26 February 2021** a curriculum map showing how the program has been designed and demonstrating that there is horizontal and vertical integration of the program and that the scaffolding approach builds on students' knowledge as they progress through the program.
3. For the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics and the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Special Needs Dentistry programs to fully meet Standard 3 – Program of study, evidence is to be provided by **26 February 2021** of the formalisation and systematic approaches to the interactions with other dental and health professionals to provide interdisciplinary treatment and care.

The ADC has determined that as a monitoring requirement for all Doctor of Clinical Dentistry programs a visit is to be conducted to validate the evidence presented for the paper-based review and to view the facilities when able to do so.