



# Australian Dental Council report of an evaluation of The University of Western Australia Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics Program

May 2018

## Summary report

<b>Program provider</b>	University of Western Australia
<b>Program/qualification name</b>	Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics
<b>Program/qualification abbreviation</b>	DClinDent
<b>Program/qualification code</b>	90840
<b>Head office address, including State</b>	School of Dentistry, 17 Monash Avenue, Nedlands WA 6009
<b>Campus</b>	Nedlands
<b>Program length</b>	3 Years
<b>Registration division</b>	Specialist Dentist
<b>Registration specialty</b>	Prosthodontics
<b>Qualification type</b>	Masters Degree
<b>Australian Qualifications Framework level</b>	Level 9
<b>Accreditation standards version</b>	Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs (Approved Dec 2014)
<b>Date of site evaluation</b>	15 February 2018
<b>Date of ADC decision</b>	11 May 2018
<b>Type of accreditation</b>	Initial Accreditation
<b>Accreditation start date</b>	1 July 2018
<b>Accreditation end date</b>	30 June 2023

## Background

The University of Western Australia (UWA) advised the Australian Dental Council (ADC) in early 2017 of plans to introduce a new specialisation, prosthodontics, as part of its suite of specialist Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent) programs.

The University submitted a notice of intention on 23 September 2017, which was subsequently accepted at the ADC/Dental Council (New Zealand) Accreditation Committee meeting of 10 November 2017. A site visit was organised for early 2018 to enable the accreditation process to be completed prior to the planned commencement of the first student in take for the DClinDent in Prosthodontics in July 2018.

## Overview of evaluation

The Site Evaluation Team (SET) received the UWA's 35 page submission against the Accreditation Standards with various appendices. Following the SET teleconference on 17 January 2018, subsequent information was requested and received from the University.

The SET undertook a site visit to the UWA on 15 February 2018. During the visit, meetings were held with:

- The Dean/Head, School of Dentistry
- The Chairs of the DClinDent Sub-Committee and the Research Committee
- The School Finance Manager
- The Clinical Operations Manager
- The Manager, Operational Support
- The Team Leader, Academic Services
- The DClinDent Program Convenor for Prosthodontics
- Other academic staff responsible for teaching into the program
- Casual specialist staff teaching into the program.

During the site visit the SET was provided with further documentation including clinical protocols and policies of the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia (OHCWA).

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

Following the site visit, the School of Dentistry requested that the process be suspended briefly to allow further evidence to be gathered for the SET's consideration. The School resubmitted on 4 April 2018 and requested that the process recommence taking into consideration the previous submission and site visit.

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 documentation provided indicates that the Dental Board of Australia's (DBA's) *Entry Level Competencies: Prosthodontics* are addressed in the program learning outcomes and that these will be assessed.

The SET was provided with details of how the available staffing resources will be utilised and various outplacement clinics will be introduced. The SET was unclear how and when the topics identified by the School in the Course Outline and Guidebook for seminars and lectures will be delivered given the spiralling sequencing proposed. The School has plans to allocate particular seminar topics to staff once the program is accredited.

The facilities and resources available to students within the OHCWA are excellent and a variety of learning and teaching experiences have been identified. The staffing profile appears well positioned to deliver a broad range of educational experiences to students within the discipline and also other relevant disciplines.

Mechanisms exist within the School's management structures and committees to ensure external input is incorporated to enable the program to develop as it is implemented.

## ADC accreditation decision

The ADC has determined that the University of Western Australia's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics program is accredited from **1 July 2018** until **30 June 2023** subject to the following condition:

- to ensure Standard 3 - Program of study is met, the School must provide a report to the ADC by **30 June 2018** outlining how and when the topics identified by the School in the /course Outline and Guidebook for seminars and lectures will be delivered across the *Entry level professional competencies: Prosthodontics* given the spiral sequence described.

As a monitoring requirement, the ADC requests that the School includes in its 2019 annual report a copy of the Course Outline and Guidebook for the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics program.