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**AUSTRALIAN DENTAL COUNCIL
REPORT OF AN EVALUATION OF
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
DOCTOR OF CLINICAL DENTISTRY PROGRAMS IN:
ENDODONTICS
PERIODONTICS**

July 2017

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Program provider	University of Queensland
Program/qualification names, Program/qualification abbreviation, Program/qualification code	Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics, DClinDent, 5616 Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics, DClinDent, 5616
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	Endodontics, Periodontics
Qualification type	Masters Degree
Australian Qualifications Framework Level	9
Accreditation standards version	Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs (Approved Dec 2014)
Date of site evaluation	5 July 2017
Date of ADC decision	18 August 2017
Type of accreditation	Initial Accreditation
Accreditation start date	1 January 2018
Accreditation end date	31 December 2022

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Background

The University of Queensland's suite of Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent) programs were first accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC) in 2004. At that time, the School offered programs in Endodontics, Periodontics, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Oral Pathology & Oral Medicine, Dento-Maxillofacial Radiology and Prosthodontics all of which were all accredited by the ADC for a period of five years.

A subsequent ADC accreditation visit in 2010 reviewed programs in Dento-Maxillofacial Radiology, Oral Medicine, Orthodontics and Paediatric Dentistry as the other previously accredited DClinDent programs were put into abeyance by the School.

On 10 October 2014 the Head of School of Dentistry wrote to the ADC requesting a twelve month extension to the accreditation of its four accredited DClinDent programs to allow for the relocation of the School to new facilities at the newly-built Oral Health Centre (OHC) in Herston and for an internal program review to be completed. The ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee agreed to the request at its 31 October 2014 meeting and accreditation for the four programs was extended to 31 December 2016.

In September 2016 the ADC conducted a review of the currently accredited DClinDent programs in Dento-Maxillofacial Radiology, Oral Medicine and Orthodontics as well as new DClinDent programs in Prosthodontics and Special Needs Dentistry. The School had also initially included applications for the review of its DClinDent in Paediatric Dentistry and a new DClinDent in Periodontics but decided to withdraw both of the programs from the accreditation process.

At its November 2016 meeting the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee agreed to accredit the DClinDent programs in Dento-Maxillofacial Radiology, Orthodontics and Prosthodontics until 31 December 2021 and the DClinDent in Oral Medicine until 31 December 2018. All programs were subject to one or more conditions, details of which can be found in the ADC report of the accreditation visit. The DClinDent in Special Needs Dentistry was refused accreditation.

On 3 January 2017 the university entered into a formal 'Oral Health Alliance' with Metro North Health and Hospital Services (MNHHS), which resulted in MNHHS taking over the day-to-day operations of the OHC. It is intended that the Alliance will result in access to a larger pool of patients for students in all University of Queensland (UQ) dental programs. A consequence of the Alliance is that several staff hold conjoint appointments with the University of Queensland and MNHHS. The Director of the Alliance and the Clinical Stream Leads were appointed from existing UQ staff.

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In February 2017 the university submitted a Notice of Intent, and subsequently a formal accreditation submission, for DCLinDent programs in Endodontics, Special Needs Dentistry and Periodontics. This is a report of the review of the programs in Periodontics and Endodontics, with the Special Needs Dentistry program being the subject of a separate review.

Overview of the Evaluation

The Site Evaluation Team (SET) received the University of Queensland's 35-page submission against the Accreditation Standards, supporting appendices and subsequent information requested from the University following the SET teleconference of 22 May 2017. The SET undertook a site visit to the university and the OHC on 5 July 2017. During the visit, meetings were held with:

- The Head of School of Dentistry
- The Director, Oral Health Alliance
- A range of administrative, financial, student services and clinical administration staff
- The Director of Research, the Teaching & Learning Chair and the Postgraduate Program Director
- The DCLinDent Discipline Leads
- A range of academic staff responsible for teaching into the DCLinDent programs
- Other academic staff responsible for the DCLinDent program

The SET also toured the facilities within the Oral Health Centre.

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 planned curriculum for both programs appears appropriate in terms of specialist content and the expected clinical exposure that students will receive. The Oral Health Alliance between the University of Queensland and Metro North Health and Hospital Services, which came

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into effect on 3 January 2017, appears to be working well and should provide students with good access to a suitable range and number of patients as well as good clinical supervision.

Both programs are expected to be well resourced and supported by a strong staff group with most clinical experience gained at the Oral Health Centre, which has world class clinical, research and laboratory facilities. Assessment methods for both programs appear varied and appropriate while the student support mechanisms are sound and cover the expected range of services, with a student support hub located at the School.

ADC Accreditation Decision

The ADC has determined that the following University of Queensland programs are accredited from **1 January 2018** until **31 December 2022**:

- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics
- Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics

As a monitoring requirement for both programs the School is asked to provide an update in its 2018, 2019 and 2020 annual reports on the rollout of the two programs to include any material changes made to the currently documented programs and to include as an appendix details of the case mix for both of the programs for that academic year.

As a monitoring requirement for the DClinDent in Periodontics the School is asked to advise the ADC by **31 January 2018** of the number of students commencing the program and into which year of the program they have entered.