Bachelor of Dental Health Science (Domestic students)

Program code
1577

Commencing in
Trimester 1

Prerequisites
NIL

Available at
Gold Coast Campus

Assumed knowledge
English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English and Literature Extension (Units 3 and 4, C) One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematical Methods (Units 3 and 4, C)

Duration
3 years full-time

Credit points
240

Indicative fee
$11,500.00* per year (more)
* 2024 indicative annual CSP fee

About this program

This degree is the first step towards a career in Dentistry. You will learn from extensive hands-on training from the first year of your studies.

You will study and work alongside registered Dentists and Dental specialists in real life settings in our modern dental clinic and specialised laboratories in the Griffith Health Centre. You will enhance your skills through professional practice at the Griffith Dental Clinic.

Honours is available through an additional year of study.

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1577	**Bachelor of Dental Health Science (this program)**	**Gold Coast**	**Trimester 1 only**
2126	Bachelor of Dental Health Science (Honours)	Gold Coast	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2

Progression is dependent upon satisfying admission requirements.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Bachelor of Dental Health Science is offered full-time on-campus at the Gold Coast campus Griffith Health Centre. Classes may be scheduled during the day and evening throughout the week and on Saturdays.

Due to the need for students to develop complex clinical and technical skills throughout this program, extensive hands-on exposure to clinical/laboratory environments is required. As a result, some courses commencing from Year 1/Trimester 2 of this program will extend beyond the standard teaching trimester (i.e. commencing earlier and extending later than the standard trimester). Exact dates over which these extended courses will run will be published on a trimester-by-trimester basis in the Academic Calendar.

The School of Medicine and Dentistry delivers electronic assessment via ExamSoft's Examplify application. Students enrolled in this program are required to have access to a portable computer device (laptop or tablet) that can be taken on campus to complete examination and assessment activities. This device must meet the minimum system requirements for Examplify.

The School has a small number of loan devices that may be available to students who do not have access to a personal device. Students must apply for access to loan devices in the lead up to an examination or assessment. Please note the School cannot guarantee a loan device will be available for every applicant.

Managing study interruptions

Leave of absence

Students will require approval from the Dean, Dentistry or nominee to take a leave of absence.

Readmission

A student who has discontinued enrolment in a Dentistry program and who is not on an approved leave of absence is required to seek approval for readmission to the program from the Dean, Dentistry or nominee.

Readmission to a Dentistry program is not guaranteed and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the School of Medicine and Dentistry for further details.

Students who are returning to the program after an approved leave of absence or are being readmitted to the program or are required to repeat a non-clinical DOH-coded course will also be required to successfully complete Clinical Skills Competency requirements before continuing with their program.

Students who do not successfully complete these requirements will not be eligible to continue their program. Successful completion of these requirements will ensure students remain competent in their practical skills and are well prepared to continue with the program. Please refer to the Griffith University Inability to Complete Required Components of Professional Qualification Policy for further information.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the Australian Government website for more details.

Work-integrated learning

Work-integrated learning activities (professional placements) integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in the degree program demonstrates Griffith's commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life.

In this program students will be engaged in clinical practice for 270 hours over 30 weeks at the Griffith University Dental Clinic. During all clinic sessions, students will be supervised by qualified by general dentists and specialists.

My career opportunities

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As a graduate of this degree and our Master of Dentistry, you will be qualified to work as a registered Dentist with opportunities in private practice, hospitals, school dental clinics and the armed services. Further study and research can lead to a career in academic teaching or specialty practice.

Program accreditation

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The Bachelor of Dental Health Science (when articulated with the Master of Dentistry) is accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC).

Professional recognition

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Completion of this degree and Griffith University's two-year Master of Dentistry enables you to apply for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (and equivalent New Zealand authorities) as a Dentist subject to meeting any additional requirements that may be stipulated by the Dental Board of Australia. As these requirements may change from time to time, students should contact the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) to confirm registration requirements.

Applicants are advised that the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) requires Dentists to demonstrate English language skills that are suitable for registration. Further information is available on the AHPRA website.

Placement requirements

Professional Practice requirements

There are placements associated with this program and before undertaking professional experience placements, all students in this program are required to have completed the following by the end of their first trimester of study:

- Vaccinations and Health Tests
- Licenses and Certificates
- Online Training
- Health Placement Requirements

Students should refer to the **checklist of professional practice requirements for their Health discipline** on the Health Placement Support Hub for full details of the requirements regarding professional placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

Pathways to further study

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Provisional entry into the Griffith Master of Dentistry program

Completion of the Bachelor of Dental Health Science (1577) will see graduates gain seamless entry into the Master of Dentistry (5703).

Bachelor of Dental Health Science students need to be aware that should they be successful in gaining entry into the Master of Dentistry (5703) program, additional requirements must be met prior to commencement. Information about these requirements and other relevant information can be found on the Health Placement Support Hub website.

Note: Students are not permitted take a leave of absence of more than one year after completing the Bachelor program and commencing the Master of Dentistry program to ensure currency of knowledge and skills.

What are the fees?

Commonwealth supported students

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
- Find out more...

Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- Find out more...

FEE-HELP

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- Higher Education Loan Program (HELP)

Further information

- Calculating tuition fees
- Calculating your EFTSL
- Fees and Charges Procedure
    - 3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students (Non-international)
    - Fees and Charges Schedules
- Financial help and support

Additional fee information

Throughout your program you may be required to pay for the following items:

First aid certificate; immunisations; uniforms; a portable computer device (laptop or tablet) and expenses associated with placements such as travel and accommodation; dental kits and tools as stipulated for each year. As well, there are Fit for Professional Practice Placement costs such as Blue Card and Police Check. For more information, please visit the School of Medicine and Dentistry and the Health Placement Support Hub webpages.