



## Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics (Domestic students)

### Graduate Entry

<b>Program code</b> 1638	<b>Admission requirements</b> Griffith Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Technology with 5.0 GPA Griffith Bachelor of Dental Technology with 5.0 GPA
<b>Available at</b> Gold Coast Campus	
<b>Duration</b> 1 year full-time with advanced standing	(more)
<b>Credit points</b> 240	<b>Commencing in</b> Trimester 1
<b>Indicative fee</b> \$11,500.00* per year (more) * 2022 indicative annual CSP fee	

### About this program

This degree is designed for someone who has a recognised Dental Technology Bachelor degree who is ready to upgrade their qualification to work directly with patients. It will suit someone interested in working as an independent clinician to diagnose, design, manufacture and fit removable dentures. Graduates from the Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Technology at Griffith University should apply for this degree to gain a Dental Prosthetist qualification and will receive advanced standing towards the program.

Through coursework and supervised clinical practice, Dental Prosthetists are educated in all facets of removable dental prosthetics in an inter-professional setting, learning and working alongside other dental and health care professionals. This degree is not suited to applicants pursuing a Dentistry qualification and is not open to applicants holding a dentistry qualification.

A number of key benefits set Griffith's Dental Prosthetist education apart from other teaching institutions. Students develop advanced critical analytical skills to solve difficult technical and clinical situations. They learn in an inter-professional environment from experienced dental prosthetists and specialists in their field such as:

- Oral Pathology
- Pharmacology
- Radiology
- Prosthodontics

Dental Prosthetic students practice alongside Dentistry students to develop communication and collaboration skills in individual cases. Whether this is inserting and monitoring immediate dentures or witnessing a variety of complex dental procedures. This process is managed through the Team Based Treatment Planning Process which develops patient referral skills.

Code	Program title	Campus	Intake
1574	Bachelor of Dental Technology	Gold Coast	Trimester 1 only
1580	Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics	Gold Coast	Trimester 1 only
<b>1638</b>	<b>Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics (this program)</b>	<b>Gold Coast</b>	<b>Trimester 1 only</b>

Progression is dependent upon satisfying admission requirements.

### My attendance during the program

#### Attendance information

The Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics is offered full-time on-campus. Some courses in the program are available online. DOH-coded courses in this program are exclusively for Dentistry students and are offered at the Ian O'Connor (G40) Building at the Gold Coast campus.

As a full-time student, students will generally attend 28-32 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester. Classes may be scheduled during the day and evening throughout the week and on Saturdays.

In the Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics students must maintain a full-time study load. Part-time study is only permitted in circumstances where credit for prior learning is awarded and a full-time structure is not available as a consequence or where a student fails a course and is required to repeat that year of the program.

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.

#### **Managing study interruptions**

##### **Leave of absence**

Students will require approval from the Dean, Dentistry, or nominee to take a leave of absence. Students who wish to take leave of absence may do so for no more than one year. Students who take leave of absence cannot be guaranteed a place in the Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics upon their return due to space limitations and readmission will be subject to available places at the time of application.

##### **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.

##### **Studying amid COVID-19**

The University's Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination or Testing policy is under review and consultation and will be suspended from 14/4/2022, for four weeks. Please visit [Studying amid COVID-19](#) for more 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**

The School of Medicine and Dentistry offers extensive work-integrated learning experiences. The Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics students are exposed to a "real life" dental laboratory from Year 1 to 3 where they work directly within a commercial laboratory facility.

Dental prosthetic students are also encouraged to observe professional dentists/prosthetists, dentistry students and academics when they are seeing their private patients in our intramural private practice clinic. In the final year, the 'Comprehensive Prosthetics' course provides a work-integrated learning opportunity where students manage, treat and monitor patients for removable oral prosthetic care in a safe supervised practice.

## **My career opportunities**

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With this qualification, graduates may find employment opportunities in the public and private health sectors through government health department clinics and private practice as a Dental Prosthetist or Clinical Dental Technician.

#### **Prosthodontic Technician and Clinician (Removable Prosthodontics)**

Dental Prosthetists work directly with patients to provide removable partial dentures and the prosthodontic technician designs and fabricates the full and partial dentures in plastic or alloy. Graduates will be well equipped for the variety of procedures and techniques to replace missing teeth and will work alongside Dentists and Prosthodontists.

### **Self-employment**

Graduates will gain an understanding of the operational issues involved in establishing a new business. Graduates may own and operate a dental laboratory or clinic. Graduates can progress onto employment in management roles such as senior or chief technician or prosthetists positions; quality control technicians/prosthetist; teaching or dental sales.

### **Research opportunities**

Graduates can apply to progress their research skills through an Honours, Masters or PhD qualification which may lead to various roles in academia, large-scale organisations (corporations/companies, government departments, non-profit/charity organisation).

### **International opportunities**

Graduates will be equipped to apply for dental technician registration in other countries. They will have gained the necessary knowledge and skills to adapt to the examination process required for registration.

## **Program accreditation**

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The Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics is accredited by the [Australian Dental Council \(ADC\)](#).

## **Professional recognition**

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Graduates of this program will be eligible to apply for registration with the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) via the [Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#) 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 AHPRA to confirm registration requirements.

## **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 [Fit for Professional Practice website](#) 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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Graduates from this program may be eligible to proceed to Honours.

## **What are the fees?**

### **Commonwealth supported students**

- The fee is indicative of an annual full-time load (80 credit points) in a program categorized to one of 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](#)
- [Fees and Charges Policy:](#)
  - [Schedule E - Fees for Undergraduate Students \(Non-international\)](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)