



Doctor of Clinical Dentistry

Note: Postgraduate tuition fees apply to this program.

Academic Program Rules

1 Duration of program

- 1.1 Except in circumstances approved by the Graduate School Advisory Board of the Dental School, the work for the degree shall be completed and the research thesis or related works submitted:
- in the case of a full time candidate, not less than three years and not more than four years from the date of commencement of candidature, except where status has been granted
 - in the case of a part time candidate, not less than four years and not more than six years from the date of commencement of candidature, except where status has been granted.

2 Admission

- 2.1 The Graduate School Advisory Board may accept as a candidate for the degree any person who:
- has qualified in the University of Adelaide for the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery, or has qualified in another University for a degree or degrees in dentistry which the Graduate School Advisory Board regards as equivalent *and*
 - has completed at least two years of relevant practical experience since qualifying for that degree *and*
 - has qualified for an Honours degree of the University of Adelaide equivalent to at least a second class division standard, or has qualified for the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry of the University of Adelaide or equivalent, or has successfully completed the Primary Examinations of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons or equivalent. A case for equivalence can be made by applicants with extensive experience of at least five years in dental practice and who can demonstrate active participation in continuing education
- 2.2 Status and articulation
- 2.2.1 A candidate who is currently enrolled for the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry or Master of Dental Surgery shall, on written application to the Dental School Graduate School Advisory Board, be considered for status in all

equivalent courses completed towards the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry or Master of Dental Surgery.

- 2.2.2 With the permission of the Graduate School Advisory Board of the Dental School, students with a degree from other than the University of Adelaide may present for the degree of Doctor of Clinical Dentistry courses to a maximum aggregate units value of 24 units.

2.2.3 Transitional arrangements

- 2.2.3.1 Students with a degree of Master of Dental Surgery from the University of Adelaide may present for the degree of Doctor of Clinical Dentistry courses to a maximum aggregate units value of 48 units.

- 2.2.3.2 Students with a three year degree of Master of Dental Surgery (Orthodontics) from the University of Adelaide may present for the degree of Doctor of Clinical Dentistry courses to a maximum aggregate units value of 72 units.

- 2.2.3.3 Students with the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry from the University of Adelaide may present for the degree of Doctor of Clinical Dentistry courses to a maximum aggregate units value of 24 units.

- 2.2.3.4 Candidates who have maximum status awarded as outlined in rule 2.2.1 shall surrender the degree for which status is granted before being admitted to the degree of Doctor of Clinical Dentistry.

2.3 Acceptance

- 2.3.1 A person shall not be enrolled as a candidate for the degree unless:
- the applicant's proposed field of study and research is acceptable to the Graduate School Advisory Board of the Dental School *and*
 - the Dental School can provide appropriate supervisors and other resources to support the candidate at this university or a collaborating university.

- 2.3.2 Collaborating Universities for the purpose of this degree shall be defined from time to time by the Dental School.

2.4 Extensions and intermissions

- 2.4.1 The Graduate School Advisory Board of the Dental School may grant a candidate one extension of candidature of twelve months beyond the maximum period specified in

rule 1.1, but if the research thesis or related works has not been submitted by the end of that period, the candidature will lapse.

- 2.4.2 A candidate whose work is interrupted for a period of time may be granted an intermission of candidature by the Graduate School Advisory Board. If an intermission is approved the duration of the candidature specified in rule 1.1 will be adjusted accordingly.
- 2.4.3 For candidates undertaking the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery stream, an intermission of up to four years may be granted while the candidate completes the prerequisites of 8051AHO/BHO Specialist Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery VII. The duration of the candidature specified in Rule 1.1 will be adjusted accordingly.
- 2.5 Resumption of lapsed candidature
- 2.5.1 A candidature which has lapsed will be resumed if the completed research work, which has not departed from the field of study which was being pursued before the candidature lapsed, is subsequently submitted within two years from the date when the candidature lapsed to the Postgraduate Coordinator. The research work will only be accepted if the Dental School certifies that it is satisfactory to the School. Any extension beyond the two years shall be determined on a case by case basis by the Graduate School Advisory Board in consultation with the School. Approval of the Board is required for resumption of a lapsed candidature under any other conditions.

In special circumstances the Board, on the recommendation of the School, may approve the resumption of a lapsed candidature for one period of up to six months prior to the submission of the completed research work.

- 2.6 Prescribed communicable infections policy
- The University promotes a pro-active public health approach to prescribed communicable infections (PCI) such as HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, and seeks to minimise the impact of these infections on students' academic progress. It offers understanding and practical support to students with such infections, and aims to provide a work and study environment free from discrimination, challenging views that result in discriminatory attitudes toward people with PCIs.
- The University also has a legal and ethical obligation to take all reasonable measures to prevent the transmission of prescribed communicable infections among students, staff members and visitors, and recognises that some students with such infections will not be permitted to complete the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, the Bachelor of Dental Surgery or other clinical programs offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

All prospective medical and dental school students are strongly advised to consult the University's *Students With Prescribed Communicable Infections Policy* - available through the University's website at www.adelaide.edu.au/student/current/policies.html - which makes reference to the relevant legislation, elaborates on the reasons for the adoption of this policy, and outlines procedures for implementing the policy.

3 Assessment and examinations

3.1 Clinical component

Candidates shall be assessed annually. This assessment may take the form of a written examination, viva voce or clinical presentation. Should a candidate's progress be unsatisfactory, their candidature will be reviewed by the Graduate School Advisory Board of the Dental School.

3.2 Research component

- 3.2.1 In order to fulfil the requirements of the research component for the degree, students shall submit a research work consisting of either (1) a thesis based on original research, or (2) a compilation of a minimum of two papers based on research undertaken for the degree, and accepted for publication in internationally refereed journals, with an accompanying summary. By the end of their third year, candidates shall lodge with the Postgraduate Coordinator, three copies of the research work for assessment which shall be prepared in accordance with directions given from time to time. Candidates should refer to the Guidelines on Higher Degrees by Research and Specifications for Thesis in this volume.
- 3.2.2 The Graduate School Advisory Board of the Dental School shall appoint two examiners external to the Dental School for assessment of the research thesis.
- 3.2.3 Where a candidate submits a compilation of two or more papers accepted for publication in internationally refereed journals, with an accompanying summary, the research work shall be assessed by the Doctoral Examination Committee which shall make appropriate recommendation to the Graduate School Advisory Board.
- #### 3.3 Recommendations of Doctoral Examination Committee
- The Doctoral Examination Committee may recommend to the Graduate School Advisory Board that the candidate:
- (a) be awarded the degree *or*
 - (b) be examined orally or otherwise on the subject of the research work and the general field of knowledge in which it falls *or*
 - (c) be awarded the degree subject to such amendments of the research thesis as the examiners may have suggested *or*

- (d) be not awarded the degree but be allowed to revise and resubmit the research thesis within such period as the Graduate School Advisory Board may allow or
- (e) be not awarded the degree.

3.4 Doctoral Examination Committee

3.4.1 For each candidate, there shall be a Doctoral Examination Committee which shall consist of the Principal Supervisor, the Postgraduate Coordinator and one person nominated by the Graduate School Advisory Board of the Dental School.

3.4.2 The Doctoral Examination Committee shall:

- (a) recommend the appointment of examiners
- (b) consider the reports of the examiners of a research thesis, or published works submitted as fulfilment of the requirements of the research component, and the results of any examination, and make appropriate recommendation to the Graduate School Advisory Board regarding the award of the degree.

3.5 Review of Academic Progress

A formal review of a candidate's progress shall be conducted by the Dental School at least once a year, in accordance with Dental School guidelines. A candidate's re-enrolment in the following year is conditional upon his/her having attained satisfactory progress in the year except where the School is satisfied that special circumstances beyond the candidate's control affected the progress. If a candidate's progress is unsatisfactory, the School may terminate the candidature, in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the Code of Practice for Maintaining and Monitoring Academic Quality and Standards in Higher Degrees.

4 Qualification requirements

- 4.1 A candidate shall pursue a program of study and research approved by the Graduate School Advisory Board of the Dental School.
- 4.2 Within the coursework study component, which comprises two thirds of the degree, all candidates shall be required to complete core courses to the value of 12 units and specialist stream courses to the value of 36 units.
- 4.3 Within the research component which shall comprise one third of the degree, all candidates shall be required to complete research courses to the value of 24 units.
- 4.4 Candidates shall satisfactorily complete:
- (a) the following core courses:

DENT8001AHO/BHO Research Methods, Experimental Design & Ethics	4
DENT8002AHO/BHO Common topics in Dental Clinical Science	4

DENT8003AHO/BHO Interdisciplinary seminars in Clinical Dentistry 0

(b) all courses in one of the following course streams:

(i) *Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology*

DENT8010AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology VI 8

DENT8011AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology VII 8

DENT8012AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology VIII 24

(ii) *Endodontics*

DENT8020AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Endodontics VI 8

DENT8021AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Endodontics VII 8

DENT8022AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Endodontics VIII 24

(iii) *Forensic Odontology*

DENT8030AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Forensic Odontology VI 8

DENT8031AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Forensic Odontology VII 8

DENT8032AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Forensic Odontology VIII 24

(iv) *Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery*

DENT8050AHO/BHO Specialist Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery VI 8

DENT8050AHO/BHO Specialist Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery VII 8

DENT8052AHO/BHO Specialist Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery VIII 24

(v) *Oral Medicine*

DENT8060AHO/BHO Specialist Oral Medicine VI 8

DENT 8061AHO/BHO Specialist Oral Medicine VII 8

DENT 8062AHO/BHO Specialist Oral Medicine VIII 24

(vi) *Oral Pathology*

DENT8070AHO/BHO Specialist Oral Pathology VI 8

DENT8071AHO/BHO Specialist Oral Pathology VII 8

DENT8072AHO/BHO Specialist Oral Pathology VIII 24

<i>(vii) Orthodontics</i>	
DENT 8080AHO/BHO Specialist Orthodontics VI	8
DENT 8081AHO/BHO Specialist Orthodontics VII	8
DENT 8082AHO/BHO Specialist Orthodontics VIII	24
<i>(viii) Paediatric Dentistry</i>	
DENT8090AHO/BHO Specialist Paediatric Dentistry VI	8
DENT8091AHO/BHO Specialist Paediatric Dentistry VII	8
DENT8092AHO/BHO Specialist Paediatric Dentistry VIII	24
<i>(ix) Periodontics</i>	
DENT8100AHO/BHO Specialist Periodontics VI	8
DENT8101AHO/BHO Specialist Periodontics VII	8
DENT8102AHO/BHO Specialist Periodontics VIII	24
<i>(x) Prosthodontics</i>	
DENT8110AHO/BHO Specialist Prosthodontics VI	8
DENT8111AHO/BHO Specialist Prosthodontics VII	8
DENT8112AHO/BHO Specialist Prosthodontics VIII	24
<i>(xi) Special Needs</i>	
DENT8113AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Special Needs Dentistry VI	8
DENT8114AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Special Needs Dentistry VII	8
DENT8115AHO/BHO Specialist Clinical Special Needs Dentistry VIII	24
(c) the following four courses which shall be taken sequentially:	
DENT8004HO Doctor of Clinical Dentistry Research A	6
DENT 8005HO Doctor of Clinical Dentistry B	6
DENT 8006HO Doctor of Clinical Dentistry C	6
DENT 8007HO Doctor of Clinical Dentistry D	6

4.5 Unacceptable combination of courses

No candidate will be permitted to count towards an award any course, together with any other course, which, in the opinion of the Faculty concerned, contains a substantial

amount of the same material; and no course or portion of a course may be counted twice towards an award.

4.6 Graduation

Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award at a graduation ceremony for the purpose.

5 Special circumstances

When in the opinion of the relevant Faculty special circumstances exist, the Council, on the recommendation of the Faculty in each case, may vary any of the provisions of the Academic Program Rules for any particular award.