



Bachelor of Dental Health Science (Domestic students)

Program code 1577	Entry requirements 1 Overall position (OP) 2019 99 Rank 2019 (more) (Additional requirements)	Prerequisites English (4SA)
Available at Gold Coast Campus		Assumed knowledge One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths B (4SA)
Duration 3 years full-time	Commencing in Trimester 1	
Credit points 240		
Indicative fee \$11,155.00* per year (more) * 2020 indicative annual CSP fee Calculate your fees		

Why choose 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 including in regional areas and in our modern dental clinic and specialised laboratories in the new Griffith Health Centre. You will enhance your skills through professional practice placements.

Honours is available through an additional year of study.

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.

Managing study interruptions

Leave of absence

Students will require approval from the Head, School of Dentistry and Oral Health or nominee to take a leave of absence. The period of leave will normally be one year.

Readmission

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

Readmission to a Dentistry and Oral Health program is not guaranteed and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the [School of Dentistry and Oral Health](#) 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.

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

Before I enrol

- Criminal History Check
- First Aid and CPR Certificates
- Immunisation and Health Record
- Working with Children Check (Blue Card)

Professional placements

- Griffith University Health and Safety Induction
- Griffith University Student Deed Poll
- Laboratory, Clinical and Placement Rules
- Queensland Health placement requirements
- Radiation Licence

There are placements associated with this program. Students should refer to the **checklist of pre-placement and placement requirements for their Health discipline** on the [Fit for Placement website](#) for full details of the requirements regarding clinical placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

Note: In the event that there is a difference between the contents published on the Fit for Placement website and the program-specific information published on the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses websites, or where information published on the Fit for Placement website is not in accordance with University Policy, the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses website contents and University Policy shall override the information on the Fit for Placement website.

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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 [Fit for Placement](#) 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 fee is indicative of an annual full-time load (80 credit points) in a program categorized to one of the Australian Government's three 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...](#)