



## Bachelor of Dental Hygiene (Domestic students)

<b>Program code</b> 1613	<b>Commencing in</b> Trimester 1	<b>Prerequisites</b> English (4SA)
<b>Available at</b> Gold Coast Campus		<b>Assumed knowledge</b> One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths B (4SA)
<b>Duration</b> 3 years full-time		
<b>Credit points</b> 240		
<b>Indicative fee</b> \$11,155.00* per year ( <a href="#">more</a> ) * 2020 indicative annual CSP fee <a href="#">Calculate</a> your fees		

### Why choose this program?

**This program is scheduled to commence in 2020.**

This degree program is designed for someone who is looking for clinical qualification with the ability to recognize dental diseases or abnormalities of the teeth, mouth and associated structures that require management and patient-centred oral health care that includes a range of activities that include oral health assessment, diagnosis, treatment, management and education for the prevention of oral diseases in patients of all ages.

Dental hygienists are educated in all aspects of dental hygiene practice through coursework and supervised clinical practice in an inter-professional dental clinic. Dental hygiene students will be learning and working alongside, dentists, dental technologists, dental prosthetists and dental specialists developing skills in communication and collaboration for patient management. Students will be provided with specific education and skills in public health and health promotion to provide appropriate preventive oral health education to individuals and communities.

The key advantage of dental hygiene education at Griffith University is the opportunity for hands-on skills training in specialty clinics in the disciplines Periodontology, Implantology and Orthodontics. Students will learn from dental specialists in the fields of:

- Periodontology
- Radiology and Radiography
- Orthodontics
- Special Needs
- Oral Pathology
- Pharmacology
- Public Health and Health Promotion

Dental hygiene students will work alongside a team of dental health practitioners with emphasis on the significant role and responsibilities of the dental hygienist in dental practice.

### My attendance during the program

#### Attendance information

The Bachelor of Dental Hygiene is three-year full-time program that will be offered on-campus at the Gold Coast campus.

#### 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 dental hygiene students will be exposed to a "real life" dental clinic from Year 1 to Year 3 where they will work within an oral health team in a fully functional dental facility. Students will observe and work mutually with professional dentists, hygienists, prosthetist, dentistry students and academics when providing dental care to patients in our intramural private practice clinic. The final year of the program provides work-integrated learning opportunities where students will observe and contribute to the management and provision of dental hygiene care in safe supervised dental practices.

## **My career opportunities**

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Completing this degree program provides the education and skills required to apply for registration as a dental hygienist with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). As a graduate of this degree, you will be qualified to work as a registered dental hygienist with employment opportunities in the public and private health sectors through government health departments and private dental clinics that include:

- General dental practice;
- Specialist dental practices;
- Community dental/oral health clinics.

## **Program accreditation**

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

## **Professional recognition**

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Registration is being sought from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) to recognise a graduate of this degree program as a dental hygienist.

## **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...](#)