



# Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH)

## 1. What is the difference between dental and oral health?

Dentistry is the science and art of preventing, diagnosing and treating diseases, injuries and malformations of teeth, jaws and mouth. Good dental health is important for everyone, making dentistry a primary health care profession. Choosing a career in dental science will make a difference to the lives of many.

Oral health includes dental hygiene, prevention of oral disease, professional cleaning and health promotion through education. Oral health is essential throughout life. Choosing a career in oral health will lead to a rewarding career outcome through working with people of all ages on how to have healthy teeth and gums.

## 2. When the student applies to College, do they receive an unconditional packaged offer for their Foundation Studies Program (FSP) + Oral Health?

Entry to the BOH is not guaranteed by academic result, therefore the College cannot package an offer. BOH applicants will be offered the B. Health and Medical Sciences and their preference for BOH recorded so they are identified upon commencement of the course.

## 3. What subjects are compulsory while studying FSP at the College?

Applicants must complete one subject (we recommend three) from the Mathematics or Science (Chemistry, Biology, Physics) subjects. Critical Thinking and English for Academic Purposes are compulsory.

## 4. Do students applying to Oral Health need to sit the PQA or UMAT test or sit an interview?

International applicants are required to take the PQA test. Domestic students are not required to sit a test. All applicants (domestic and international) are required to sit an interview.

## 5. After completing the Oral Health degree, what program do students have to complete to become a dentist?

Students wishing to commence the BDS upon completion of the BOH will start from the beginning. There are no credits available for the BDS. Students who have already completed a bachelor may wish to explore post-graduate dental programs in other states in Australia.

## 6. What are the career options for students who complete Bachelor of Oral Health?

Most graduates will work as an oral health therapist, providing prevention, basic dentistry and periodontal maintenance. Graduates form a vital part of the dental team and provide preventive and general dental care for the population in both public and private sectors. Other paths include dental education, health promotion, gerodontology, health administration, indigenous studies, special needs, research and postgraduate studies.

## 7. After completing this program, can the student register as an oral health therapist with the Dental Board of Australia?

Students can register as an oral health therapist with the Dental Board of Australia. Evidence of English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent is required.