

Dentistry



Dentistry at Sydney has provided me with the opportunity to be part of a fun and interactive team that not only improves a patient's oral and general health but also increases their self-esteem and self-confidence.

Emily Lockley
Bachelor of Dentistry

Why Sydney?

- State-of-the-art clinical facilities at the Sydney Dental Hospital and Westmead Centre for Oral Health.
- A supportive, student-centred, self-directed and problem-based learning culture.
- Academically stimulating and rewarding programs.
- Excellent job opportunities after graduation.
- More than a century of excellence in dental training in Australia.
- A rich and diverse student culture.

Bachelor of Dentistry students engage in:

- an integrated clinical experience that supports skill development
- patient-centred treatment within a multidisciplinary team
- access to cutting-edge technologies
- simulated and clinical experience at the Sydney Dental Hospital, Westmead Centre for Oral Health and rural locations
- research projects and specialty placements
- opportunities for specialisation after further study
- opportunities for high-level research through further study.

Bachelor of Oral Health students engage in:

- subjects provided by the Faculties of Dentistry and Health Sciences (Cumberland Campus) that comprise a blend of basic life sciences and oral health education
- clinical experience at the Sydney Dental Hospital and Westmead Centre for Oral Health
- opportunities for high-level research through further study
- direct exposure to professional issues in the dental hygiene and dental therapy professions.

Your future

Our graduates are equipped to work in private or public-sector practice, in general and specialist dental hospitals, and as specialists in oral health promotion and education.

Applying

We want our applicants to have excellent communication skills, an enquiring mind and a genuine interest in people. They should also have a capacity for empathy and a desire to help others.

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Offers are made on the basis of students' grade point average in their most recently completed degree and performance in the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT).

They are also assessed in an interview, conducted in conjunction with the Faculty of Medicine, to assess their suitability based on personal qualities. Further details on the application procedure are available at www.dentistry.usyd.edu.au/student/bdent.php#procedure.

Bachelor of Oral Health

Offers are made on the basis of your UAI or equivalent, and your performances in a Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA) and interview. The PQA will take place in early November 2009 and applications must be submitted to UAC by 30 September 2009. Details of the application procedure, including times and PQA registration details, are available from the faculty and posted at www.dentistry.usyd.edu.au/student/boh.php.

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Number of academic staff: 216
Number of students: 425

| COURSE NAME | STUDY LENGTH | ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE | MAJOR STUDIES |
|--|--------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Bachelor of Dentistry (graduate entry) | 4 years | | |
| Bachelor of Oral Health† | 3 years | Recommended studies: Chemistry. | Dental Hygiene; dental therapy; oral health promotion. |

† Not available to international students.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF ... Katie Metcalfe, Bachelor of Dentistry



A typical day for me begins early. I like to arrive at uni around 7.30am so that I have some time to prepare and check my email before lectures and tutorials start at 8am. Classes range from dental and life science lectures to problem-based learning sessions and even anatomy dissection.

The best part of my week is the clinic day spent entirely at the Sydney Dental Hospital. We begin our clinic with a lecture relevant to the content to be covered and the rest of the day is divided into tooth conservation and clinic sessions.

Three-hour tooth conservation sessions involve practising cavity design on plastic or extracted teeth. We also practise dental examinations, scaling and cleaning on patients and fellow students.

Being in the city our hour lunchbreak is often spent at local cafes or in the student common room. Some weeks we have up to 32 contact hours made up of tutorials, lectures and theme sessions. Luckily, most days I finish at 5pm and in the evening I try to fit in a couple of hours of study and a gym session.