The University of Sydney offers dental health courses that are patient-centred, evidence-based, integrated with research and responsive to community needs.

Our modern curriculum focuses on medical, behavioural and clinical sciences, while developing problem-solving and critical thinking skills in our students.

We offer numerous research training opportunities, with links to other health faculties, focussing on general and oral health issues in local, national and international communities.

At the University of Sydney you will:
- receive outstanding supervision and teaching by leading dental professionals, researchers and academics;
- commence practice as a dental health professional (oral health therapist) upon graduating;
- embark on a journey of intellectual discovery by participating in research around the priority areas of chronic disease management and healthy ageing;
- gain student membership of prestigious, professional associations which provide mentoring, support and advice;
- have access to the Sydney University Dental Association (SUDA), a dynamic student association that unites and leads the student community;
- be part of a faculty that has a commitment to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, through dental services, oral health education and research in partnership with Aboriginal Medical Services in regional communities.

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**Teaching and learning**

As Australia’s first dental school, the Faculty of Dentistry has been training dental practitioners for more than 100 years.

Our graduates are caring, think clearly and logically, and possess outstanding clinical and research capabilities. They are engaged and globally aware and have the capability to become leaders in oral health, dentistry and research.

Academics at the Faculty of Dentistry are expert oral health professionals, and our researchers are pioneering new dental treatments to improve patient outcomes.

By studying with us, you will acquire the patient-centred, evidence-based skills required for modern dental practice.

**Research**

Researchers in the Faculty of Dentistry work collaboratively to address major health issues, with a focus on two major areas: ageing well, ageing productively, and chronic diseases.

Discover how our innovative research is delivering advances in treatment, improving our understanding of the complex mechanisms that cause disease, promoting evidence-based teaching and driving improved health outcomes across Australia and around the world.

**Continuing education**

We offer courses to support lifelong learning for dental professionals.

Join our community of dental professionals committed to lifelong learning and improved patient care. Attend continuing professional development (CPD) accredited workshops, clinical simulations and lectures offered across a range of specialties.

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**Why study with us?**

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**Our community**

Our faculty combines integrated research, teaching and clinical practice. Co-located with Sydney Dental Hospital, Westmead Centre for Oral Health and community clinics in New South Wales and beyond, our students, teachers, researchers and alumni are the foundation of the professional community.

Our engaged, socially conscious community is constantly seeking new ways to learn, share best practice and solve problems. This ensures we continue to offer education of the highest calibre and conduct world-leading research which has an impact.

Through professional associations and groups such as the Dental Alumni Society of the University of Sydney and the Sydney University Dental Association for students, our community members have access to resources, real-world advice and each other.

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**Our courses emphasise clinical experience, beginning in the first year of study at the Sydney Dental Hospital and Westmead Centre for Oral Health, as well as regional rotations in Bathurst, Bowral, Albury, Cessnock, Dubbo and Ballina.**

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Our courses

Whether you are joining our faculty straight from school, or you’re at graduate-entry level with a degree, we have a range of exciting options to suit you.

Our unique and dynamic set of courses produce dental practitioners, oral health professionals, dental specialists and researchers of the highest calibre.

All of our programs are accredited by the Dental Board of Australia, and our graduates are highly sought after.

The use of new technologies is heavily emphasised in the delivery of our courses. Teaching and research is interdisciplinary, with research focused on two main areas: chronic disease management and healthy ageing. Students graduate with strong decision-making skills, and a research-informed approach to learning.

The clinical component of our courses is introduced early, with practical experience starting in the first year. Clinical learning occurs at a range of sites, including hospitals and community-based centres in metropolitan and rural areas.

We strongly encourage volunteer work by our students, especially in communities with high needs – this can be organised locally as well as internationally.

The Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH) offers training in dental hygiene, dental therapy, and oral health promotion (see page 8).

The Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) leads to registration as a dentist and gives you the opportunity to develop skills through practice-based learning and exposure to new dental technologies and research (see page 6).

The Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) double degree program for high-achieving students provides the opportunity to study science, followed by dentistry (see page 7).

The faculty also offers further study and specialist courses for qualified dentists.

The Doctor of Clinical Dentistry offers advanced specialised training in your choice of:
- oral medicine and oral pathology
- orthodontics
- paediatric dentistry
- periodontics
- prosthodontics.

In addition, you can undertake postgraduate studies in oral health, or a Master of Philosophy or Doctor of Philosophy in dentistry.

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<td>4 years full time</td>
<td>A bachelor’s degree with a credit average or higher, satisfactory performance in a medical admissions test (GAMSAT only for domestic applicants, GAMSAT, MCAT, CDAT, DAT for international applicants), satisfactory completion of the prerequisite unit of study: Human Biology and satisfactory performance in the Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI).</td>
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The Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry offers advanced specialised training in your choice of:
- oral implants
- advanced restorative
- conscious sedation and pain control.

The Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry offers advanced specialised training in your choice of:
- advanced restorative
- oral rehabilitation.

The Doctor of Clinical Dentistry offers advanced specialised training in your choice of:
- oral implants
- advanced restorative
- conscious sedation and pain control.

In addition, you can undertake postgraduate studies in oral health, or a Master of Philosophy or Doctor of Philosophy in dentistry.
Study oral health therapy

Study our Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH) and graduate to become an oral health therapist registered with the Dental Board of Australia.

As an integral part of the dental team, oral health therapists work alongside dentists and specialists to provide dental care to the public, private sectors and educational institutions.

Oral health therapists work with patients of all ages, focusing on oral health maintenance. They work to address factors associated with dental caries and periodontal disease. They assess patients’ oral health through clinical examination and radiographs, provide treatment services and identify conditions requiring referral.

The BOH is a full-time, three-year degree.

Graduate opportunities

Graduates of our BOH set the benchmark for oral health graduates Australia wide. They are highly sought after, especially by public sector service providers and dentists in private practice, who are increasingly looking for practitioners with dual qualifications.

Entry requirements

Applicants to our BOH are assessed according to their performance in three areas:

- satisfactory completion of a Personal Qualities Assessment Test (PQA). The PQA is designed to test mental agility and cognition, personality, moral orientation and decision-making – essential qualities for candidates entering the program.
- satisfactory completion of Multiple Mini-Interviews (MMI). The MMI is a series of short interviews in which applicants move between interview stations.
- meeting the minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) required for the course, or satisfactory record of previous tertiary study. If you do not have an ATAR or a previous tertiary qualification, but are older than 21, you may be eligible to apply through the Mature-Age Entry Scheme.

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*From the beginning, the Bachelor of Oral Health was set to be a challenging, yet rewarding experience – and it surely is. The course has an extensive theoretical component, giving me a thorough knowledge of the complexities of the mouth.

*Emphasis on early clinical exposure and the integration of oral health promotion is perhaps the facet of the course that had the most appeal to me. Being based primarily at Westmead Centre for Oral Health and various other clinics throughout Sydney, I’ve been able to develop and demonstrate my skills effectively in practice.

*I also feel like part of an extended family. Each and every member of the course provides support when needed and together form an open and welcoming community – it’s an extra benefit of the course!*

Tan George Nguyen
2015 graduate
Bachelor of Oral Health

*From the first week of the course, students spend time in the simulation clinic, becoming familiar with the anatomy of the oral cavity, the instruments and patient positioning. In second semester, students get the opportunity to look into one another’s mouths and, by the second year, students are treating patients in public dental health clinics.*

*We teach students to search the literature for evidence to support their treatment decisions before treating a patient. Teaching in this way is key to best practice and sets the foundation for lifelong learning.*

Dr Kimberly Mathieu Coulton
Academic Coordinator and Head of Program
Bachelor of Oral Health
Study dentistry

Study our Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) and graduate to become a dentist, eligible for registration with the Dental Board of Australia.

Our four-year, full-time, graduate-entry course offers you the opportunity to develop skills through practice-based learning and will expose you to new dental technologies and research. The DMD will train you to be a dentist who draws on evidence to effectively treat patients and is responsive to the changing oral health needs of the community. The DMD will instil a passion for lifelong learning, self-development and self-evaluation.

Our program has evolved to respond to changing market demands for newly graduated dentists who can confidently and ethically assume clinical practice and leadership positions or continue with further research if they wish.

The Doctor of Dental Medicine will allow you to:
- understand how to make treatment decisions that are most appropriate for patients as individuals
- gain confidence in treating patients through simulation and practice-based experience
- develop leadership skills to enable contribution to the dental community
- as an ambassador of health
- crystallise professional values and ethics, social conscience and cultural awareness
- make informed decisions by critiquing research and evidence.

Entry requirements
- a bachelor's degree with a credit average or higher
- satisfactory performance in a medical admissions test (GAMSAT only for domestic applicants; GAMSAT, MCAT, CDAT, DAT for international applicants)
- satisfactory completion of the prerequisite unit of study: Human Biology
- satisfactory performance in an interview.

Graduate opportunities
As a graduate of our DMD, you are eligible for immediate registration with the Dental Board of Australia which allows you to go straight into practice. Canadian students can undertake the examination of the National Examining Board of Canada, allowing registration and practice in their home country.

Our highly sought after dentists have opportunities in:
- private practice as an assistant dentist
- public dental practice – hospitals, schools, department of health
- defence forces
- academic pursuits - for example, research and specialisation
- specialisation (on completion of a professional and research experience and additional academic studies).

Double degree dentistry (entry from high school)

Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Doctor of Dental Medicine

A small number of high school leavers who have achieved outstanding results will be offered a place in the double degree program.

Our seven-year, full-time program provides students with the opportunity to study the Bachelor of Science (Advanced) program before entering the DMD. The combination of science and dentistry offers you the opportunity to develop a strong background in the sciences, with some flexibility for you to study units from other faculties.

Entry requirements
Applicants will need to:
- have a very high ATAR (expected to be 99.5).
- perform satisfactorily in an interview.

How to apply
You will need to apply for the double degree dentistry course at the first opportunity after graduating from high school, regardless of when your results are available. Domestic students must apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). International applicants should visit our website for details about how to apply.

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“Because of the responsibility and control we are given during our studies, we leave university with the skills needed to be successful in the community.”
Bhavisha Thankey
Third year student Doctor of Dental Medicine

“Being a dentist is a career that requires life-long enquiry and I think the course instils this in our students.”
Dr Susie Dracopoulos
Doctor of Dental Medicine Year Coordinator

“My favourite part of this degree is getting hands-on experience really early. By the end of our second year we’re already seeing our own patients and managing our own treatment plans.

“Being based primarily at Sydney Dental Hospital has huge advantages. It’s a working dental hospital so we see real patients with real problems. This calls for students to provide the highest quality patient-centred care – a skill vital for practice.”
Benjamin Ross
First year student Doctor of Dental Medicine

“‘I’ve always wanted to work in the health community. I feel that oral health is misunderstood and poorly addressed within Australia. There are opportunities for both disciplinary research, as well as front-line health care delivery.”
Dr Ben Ross
First year student Doctor of Dental Medicine
Additional information
For future students

Key dates for admission

Bachelor of Oral Health
Late September
Applications need to be submitted to UAC for:
- domestic and international students completing Year 12 in Australia
- international students who are undertaking New Zealand National Certificate of Education Achievement Level 3.

October
Registration for the PQA test closes.

November
PQA test takes place.

December
Interviews take place.

January
Offers and enrolments.

February
Classes begin.

Doctor of Dental Medicine
April
Online applications open for the following year admission. Apply direct to the University of Sydney or through a registered agent.

May
Applications close for domestic students.

July
Applications close for international students. Offers of first-round interviews.

July/August
First-round interviews held.

September
First round offers made. Please note that the admissions process for the Doctor of Dental Medicine takes approximately one year.

Fees

Domestic students
If you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or a New Zealand citizen, you are considered a domestic student, and may be eligible for a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP) at university.

As a Commonwealth-supported student, the federal government pays some of the cost of your fees, while you pay the remainder as a ‘student contribution’.

International students
If you are not an Australian citizen, permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen, you are considered an international student and can be accepted into the University only on a full-fee paying basis.

The University’s tuition fees are reviewed annually and may vary during your period of study.

NSW Department of Health statutory requirements
All students of health/medical-related courses need to provide evidence to show that they meet certain requirements.

These include a criminal record check, prohibited employment declaration and current vaccinations.

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