



BACHELOR OF DENTAL SCIENCE

> Why study CSU's Bachelor of Dental Science?

Dentists play a major role in helping improve the oral and systemic health of people in regional NSW, Australia and around the world. Charles Sturt University's (CSU's) Bachelor of Dental Science graduates contribute to combating the chronic shortage of dental and oral health workers Australia-wide, while also significantly improving the health of local communities.

Offered full-time at CSU's Orange Campus, the five-year Bachelor of Dental Science leads to registration as a dental practitioner in Australia. The course was developed in close association with the Australian Dental Council, Australian Dental Association, local dentists, oral health practitioners and senior consultants.

> Career opportunities

Once you become registered as a dentist, your job prospects are excellent, with most CSU graduates gaining employment within six months of completing their course. Most final-year dentistry students will know if they have a graduate position by December of their final year.

Graduates could work in:

- education
- general dentistry practice
- hospital dental clinics
- international health care
- specialty dentistry practice
- Australian defence forces (Army, Navy or Air Force)
- public sector dental health
- research

After registration, you may specialise in a particular area of dentistry, such as endodontics, implantology, orthodontics, paediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, or biodental science research at a Doctoral level.

> What will I learn?

During years one and two, there is a strong focus on core biomedical and dental sciences. You will attend lectures, but small group seminars and case-based interactions feature throughout the curriculum. In years three to five, the focus is on understanding the medical, dental, social and community context of dental clinical practice.

Some reasons for studying Dental Science at CSU:

Graduates will be eligible for licensure as a dentist in any Australian state or territory.

Graduates will enjoy a rewarding and diverse career path caring for people of all ages.

Students learn hands-on skills in CSU's state-of-the-art Dental and Oral Health Clinics.



The dentistry program at CSU has most certainly prepared me for clinical practice, giving exposure to both private and public practice dentistry. I feel this is a unique feature of the course, as one of the most challenging aspects of dentistry can be discussing costs of treatment with a patient. The program has also placed a large emphasis on skills in patient management, diagnostics and treatment planning, critical thinking, teamwork and rural practice, all of which I will find invaluable when I commence practice.

Jake Ball

CSU Bachelor of Dental Science graduate

About CSU

CSU is a national university focusing on excellence in education for the professions, strategic and applied research, and flexible delivery of learning and teaching. We work in close association with industry, professions and government to ensure our courses meet and support industry needs, resulting in high graduate employment levels and starting salaries. We attract more than 38,000 students from Australia and around the world and are well-known for our innovative approach to education, offering practical, hands-on courses, supported online to provide our students with accessible, world class education.

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Workplace learning

Students commence their clinical experience and hand skills development in year one of the program. Clinical experiences of increasing complexity are combined with further development of hand skills through year two and provide a strong foundation for extended clinical practice in years three to five.

Students undertake intense clinical practice sessions in generalist and all specialist disciplines. There is the opportunity to engage in clinical practice at a variety of sites (University, community, rural and metropolitan) to gain optimal professional experience.

State-of-the-art learning facilities

Students develop their hand skills in CSU's state-of-the-art simulation clinic, dental technology / clinical support laboratory, biodental science learning suite, and anatomy teaching facilities, including a PC2 teaching laboratory and a dry (computer) laboratory.

Students will hone their knowledge and develop patient communication skills in CSU's Dental and Oral Health Clinics in Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo, Orange and Wagga Wagga, which include private and specialist practice areas. Students also have the opportunity to witness specialists treating patients via videoconference with the assistance of dental tools equipped with cameras.

Professional recognition

CSU's Bachelor of Dental Science has accreditation from the Australian Dental Council ratified by the Dental Board of Australia. Graduates are eligible for licensure as a dentist in any Australian state or territory.

There are no additional examinations or requirements, however all registered dentists have a requirement for evidence of continuing professional development in order to maintain registration as a dentist with AHPRA.

Admission requirements

It is a requirement for school leavers to have a competitive ATAR and for non-school leavers to achieve a Credit level average in prior university study. All applicants are expected to have a strong science background (biology / chemistry / physics) as well as English and mathematics.

Applicants interested in applying for the Bachelor of Dental Science should consult the online course brochure for information about specific selection criteria and application processes. The application process has two stages; an initial application and, if selected, attendance at an interview. Domestic applicants are also required to submit an application via UAC.

The profession of dentistry requires good vision, depth perception, as well as excellent hand-eye coordination and manual (hand) skills.

For more information, visit the online course brochure at:

www.csu.edu.au/courses/dental-science

For more information or to apply, visit:

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