



# BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH (THERAPY AND HYGIENE)

> **Why study CSU's Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene)?**

Charles Sturt University's (CSU's) Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene) is a three-year full-time program offered at CSU's Wagga Wagga Campus or students can also study the first two years of the course at the Holmesglen Institute's Chadstone campus in Melbourne. The course has been developed in close consultation with industry to prepare graduates who are qualified to practice as oral health practitioners with oral health promotion competency.

Qualified oral health practitioners are clinicians who examine and treat diseases of periodontal tissues and teeth. Their particular skill set focuses on early diagnosis and early treatment, performing routine restorative and periodontal care, with an emphasis on prevention.

> **Why study Oral Health at CSU?**

As a graduate of CSU's Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene), your skills in dental therapy, dental hygiene and oral health promotion will significantly improve the health of our local communities.

Increasing numbers of oral health therapists will contribute to decreasing the workforce shortage and increasing demand for oral health professionals Australia-wide. Government analysts predict that the demand for oral health therapists will continue to increase in Australia.

> **Professional recognition**

CSU's Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene) commenced in 2009 and has achieved full course accreditation which provides guaranteed registration at completion of the degree.

Graduates are eligible for licensure in any Australian state or territory. There are no additional examinations or requirements and you are also eligible for registration in some countries overseas, for example New Zealand.

**Some reasons for studying Oral Health at CSU:**

CSU offers purpose-built learning facilities on campus and rewarding regional placements.

Graduates are qualified to work as dental therapists and dental hygienists and promoters of oral health.

CSU's strong industry links ensure students have access to various clinical placement opportunities.



I was inspired to further my career in the dentistry field after working as a dental assistant for four years. CSU's Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene) has allowed me to gain an understanding of the dental, medical and community context of oral health, while developing my practical skills with hands-on experience in the simulation clinic. CSU offers brand new facilities with state-of-the-art equipment, and I feel extremely privileged to be a part of this exciting course.

#### Jackie Edmunds

Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene) student

#### 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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#### Career opportunities

Oral health therapy provides rewarding and diverse career paths. CSU graduates can register immediately with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) upon graduation and employment prospects are excellent. Most oral health therapy students will know if they have a graduate position by December of their final year.

You could follow a career in any of the following:

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

#### What will I learn?

During years one and two, you will focus on core biomedical and oral health sciences. Foundation theory will be presented in lecture style and small group seminars, and case-based interactions will feature throughout the curriculum. In years two and three, the focus is on understanding the medical, dental, social and community context of oral health.

Students studying at Holmesglen Institute will undertake clinical placement at CSU and other clinical sites. These are largely based around Albury-Wodonga and Wagga Wagga but may also involve placement at other sites in NSW, ACT or Queensland.

#### Workplace learning

Learning through experience is an integral part of studying oral health at CSU. Clinical placements make up around 60% of your course, ensuring you are confident and job ready when you graduate. You will begin your practical placements from year one, building to extended clinical practice in your third year. The program offers you the opportunity to undertake clinical placements in a mixture of generalist and specialist disciplines in University, community, rural and metropolitan clinics.

#### Learning facilities

Students at Wagga Wagga Campus will 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 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.

Holmesglen Institute's Chadstone Campus provides a teaching and learning environment for students within the Faculty of Health Science and Community Studies. In addition to lecture theatres, classrooms, computer and science laboratories, this world-class facility also contains a specialist oral health simulation centre.

For more information or to apply, visit:

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