

# Doctor of Clinical Dentistry

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

## 1 General

This document must be read in conjunction with:

- a the General Academic Program Rules for Professional Doctorate Degrees (see under Adelaide Graduate Centre)

*and*

- b the Research Student Handbook, published by the Adelaide Graduate Centre.

These documents explain procedures to be followed and contain guidelines on research and supervision for research degrees offered by the University.

All students must comply with both the General Academic Program Rules for Professional Doctorate Degrees and the rules following below, and the policy and procedures outlined in the Research Student Handbook.

In addition to the General Academic Program Rules for Professional Doctorate Degrees in this publication, the following program specific rules apply to the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry.

## 2 Rules

There shall be a degree of Doctor of Clinical Dentistry that will consist of research and clinical components.

Academic standing (Rules 2.1 and 2.2 below override Rules 4.1-4.5 of the General Academic Program Rules for Professional Doctorate Degrees.)

- 2.1 The academic standing required for acceptance as a candidate for the degree shall be:

- a Bachelor of Dental Surgery or equivalent;

*and*

- b at least two years of general practice;

*and either*

- c an Honours degree;

*or*

successful completion of the Primary Examinations of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons;

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- 2.2 A person who holds a relevant Honours or Masters degree of another university or equivalent thereof, or a qualification from a professional college, may be accepted as a candidate, provided that the program of study undertaken and the academic standard reached are equivalent to those required of a candidate who is a graduate of the University of Adelaide (refer to Rules 4.2 of the General Academic Program Rules for Professional Doctorate Degrees).

## 3 Duration of candidature

The normal program duration for the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry will be three years of full-time equivalent (FTE) study.

## 4 Work for the degree

A doctoral thesis may comprise a conventional written narrative presented as typescript (see University Calendar Specifications for Thesis), or a combination of conventional written narrative presented as typescript and publications that have been published and/or submitted for publication and/or text in manuscripts, or a portfolio of publications that have been published and/or submitted for publication and/or text in manuscripts (see Rules 8.5, 8.6, 8.7 and 8.8 of the Professional Doctorate General Academic Program Rules and the University Calendar Specifications for Thesis).

## 5 Clinical Component of the Structured Program

- 5.1 Candidates shall be assessed annually. This assessment may take the form of written examination/s, viva voce and clinical presentation/s. Should a candidate's progress be unsatisfactory, their candidature will be reviewed by the Graduate School Advisory Board of the Dental School which shall make recommendations to the Research Education and Development Committee.
- 5.2 The clinical component required under clause 5.1 must be completed prior to the presentation of the thesis for examination.

## **6 Transitional Arrangements**

With the permission of the Research Education and Development Committee students who enrolled in the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry program prior to 2006 are permitted to present a maximum of two full semesters of work undertaken towards the post 2006 research-based Doctor of Clinical Dentistry.

## **7 Prescribed Communicable Infections Policy**

The University promotes a pro-active public health approach to prescribed communicable infections (PCI) such as HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, and seeks to minimise the impact of these infections on students' academic progress. It offers understanding and practical support to students with such infections, and aims to provide a work and study environment free from discrimination, challenging views that result in discriminatory attitudes towards people with PCIs.

The University also has a legal and ethical obligation to take all reasonable measures to prevent the transmission of prescribed communicable infections among students, staff members and visitors, and recognises that some students with such infections will not be permitted to complete clinical programs offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

All prospective Medical and Dental School students are strongly advised to consult the University's Students With Prescribed Communicable Infections Policy (available through the University's website at

[www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/591/](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/591/)), which makes reference to the relevant legislation, elaborates on the reasons for the adoption of this policy, and outlines procedures for implementing the policy.