

Bachelor of Dental Surgery



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Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

- Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
 - Benefit from small class sizes
 - Connect with professional networks
- Support through scholarships for merit and equity
 - Discover great accommodation options

GRADUATE SUCCESS

Be in demand and graduate with confidence. JCU's Bachelor of Dental Surgery is rated the top in Australia for full-time graduate employment and median graduate salary, as well as number one in Queensland for skills development and student support*.

EXPERIENCE HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

With over 2,000 hours of clinical practice, JCU Dentistry students graduate with clinical skills of the highest standard. Plenty of hands-on experience with support throughout your studies ensures you are equipped with the right skills and confidence when you graduate.

BE THE WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Make an impact in rural and remote health. JCU Dentistry students learn while improving oral health care in underserved communities. Develop a wide breadth of skills to prepare you to work in any setting from the outback to the city.

WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES

Learn in JCU's state-of-the-art simulation laboratory and practice on real patients in JCU's Dental Clinic, which services the local community. Use the latest in advanced technology to provide comprehensive diagnosis and treatment.



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✓ JCU Dentistry students benefit from a unique placement program where you'll develop a wide scope of practice in regional, rural, remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Gain an understanding and the skills needed to treat unique health issues facing underserved communities and make a real difference while you learn through placement opportunities in rural Australia and overseas.

✓ With over 2000 hours of supervised clinical placements in private practices, hospitals and underserved communities, you'll be well equipped to work in any setting. From Year 1 you'll develop your clinical skills in JCU's state-of-the-art simulation clinic. In Year 3 you'll begin seeing your own patients in our world-class dental clinic. In Year 5 you will undertake a set of clinical placements in regional, rural and remote Australia, with the opportunity to go on an international placement.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Cairns
Start Dates:	February
Duration:	5 years full-time
ATAR:	Special Entry Requirements
Prerequisites:	English (Units 3/4,C), Mathematical Methods (Units 3/4,C), Chemistry (Units 3/4,C)
Recommended:	Biology (Units 3/4,C)

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed overview of available subjects, as well as pre-placement requirements.

Experience has no substitute

Gain extensive training in a wide range of subjects including:

- Health care in Australia
- Communication skills for health professionals
- Dental science
- Clinical dentistry experience
- Issues in rural and remote health care
- Anatomy and physiology
- Biological chemistry
- Operative dentistry
- Research for health professionals
- Clinical practice issues
- Lifespan development
- Biological science

Your comprehensive understanding of the issues facing modern health care and dentistry will prepare you for a dental career anywhere, from the city to the outback. You will be able to communicate clearly, and critically evaluate situations to attend to the specific needs of your patients.

When you graduate, you will have extensive real-world experience in a variety of environments including regional, rural and remote communities, private practice and hospitals. Graduate with the confidence, knowledge and clinical skills of the highest standard. JCU Dentistry graduates are in demand by employers.

JCU's Bachelor of Dental Surgery is accredited by the Australian Dental Council, and once graduated you will be ready to register with any dental board in Australia or New Zealand.



“I feel that I got a good mix of clinical experience in metropolitan and very remote areas and in developing health settings overseas. I feel very lucky to have had such a broad variety of experiences rather than just working in one clinic in the city for the whole of my degree. I experienced not just the clinical side but also cultural experiences, treating patients of different ages, backgrounds and lifestyles, Indigenous patients and patients with different languages.”

Patricia Tan

BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

“The Bachelor of Dental Surgery program at JCU is designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge they need to become effective dental practitioners. From the start of Year 1, our students start to develop their clinical skills in the state-of-the-art simulation clinic, while in Year 3 they will begin seeing their own patients in our extensive clinical facilities. In Year 5, the work-ready training concludes with a set of clinical placements in regional and rural Australia, as well as the opportunity to undertake an International placement. Our students and graduates make a real difference to the health of our regional, rural and remote Australian communities.”

Professor Alan Nimmo

HEAD OF DENTISTRY AND
PROFESSOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE



Career Opportunities

JCU Dental Surgery graduates are highly skilled practitioners who are sought-after in a variety of healthcare settings.

Graduates pursue careers as dentists in various areas including private practice, hospitals, community health services, The Australian Defence Force, education, or research.

This course is accredited by the [Australian Dental Council \(ADC\)](#) and graduates can apply for membership of the [Dental Board of Australia](#).





JCU Accommodation

Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Cairns and Townsville are on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savanna region and Outback Australia.

Living on-campus is a great way to make the most of your time at JCU. JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas, has five different accommodation options housing over 1,200 students. JCU Cairns, Nguma-bada campus, Smithfield, features a new accommodation complex for 300 students. Living on-campus is a great place to make new friends and immerse yourself in the JCU culture. All rooms at our on-campus residences are single board, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more at jcu.edu.au/accommodation



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