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2018 Dental Surgery and Oral Health Admissions Guide

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The Adelaide Dental School's mission is to have an internationally recognised impact on oral health education, research and service. Established in 1920, the school is one of the oldest and most distinguished dental schools in Australia. The school's reputation for teaching, research, contribution to the community and the quality of its graduates has been built over a 97 year history of understanding, experience and achievement by a multicultural community of dedicated staff and talented students. Offering a range of accredited and clinically focused programs at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels in dentistry and oral health, our teaching staff provides a supportive and collegial learning environment focused on ensuring positive student learning experiences and outcomes.

Students experience a variety of innovative, high quality and flexible learning approaches, including small groups for collaborative learning, case studies, problem-based learning packages and clinical placements at metropolitan, rural and interstate venues.

New 89 chair dental clinic

In 2017, the Faculty of Health and Medical Science entered an exciting new era in health education with the opening of the 14-floor, $246 million Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences (AHMS) building.

From mid-2017, the AHMS building will be home to the Adelaide Dental School and Adelaide Dental Hospital. Featuring 89 top quality dental chairs, the Adelaide Dental Hospital will be the primary training ground for dentistry and oral health students. Run in partnership with the South Australian Dental Service, the hospital offers students the chance to work alongside professional dentists to deliver year-round oral health services for members of the community.

Simulation clinic

The Dental Simulation Clinic, with its supporting Clinical Dental Education Unit, was opened in early 2013. These leading edge facilities enable students to practice real-world patient/client care procedures in a technologically advanced environment.

Students are able to acquire and develop clinical skills in a state-of-the-art environment that includes 90 individual simulators equipped with a manikin, dental equipment, a PC and monitor. The facilities also include two dental surgeries, a plaster laboratory, radiology and sterilisation areas, virtual reality dental simulators and CAD-CAM scanning technology.
Community Outreach Dental Program

Improving the lives of disadvantaged members of the South Australian community, the Community Outreach Dental Program provides dental and other health services for people who have suffered homelessness or have difficulty accessing conventional care. Run by the Adelaide Dental School and assisted by a group of dedicated volunteer private dentists and allied health professionals, the centre has provided care for around 860 patients/clients since its establishment in 2011. The program provides dentistry and oral health students with an opportunity to hone their basic oral health skills in a non-traditional setting while broadening their community understanding.

For further information about the program, visit: health.adelaide.edu.au/dentistry/community-outreach

Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Bachelor of Oral Health Degrees are accredited by the Australian Dental Council.

Inherent requirements

Inherent requirements are the fundamental aspects of a degree that must be met by all students. They are the abilities, knowledge and skills students need to complete the degree. Students with a disability or chronic health condition may have adjustments made to enable them to meet these requirements. All students must fulfil the inherent requirements of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) or Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH) they are undertaking. While reasonable adjustments can be made, these adjustments cannot compromise academic integrity.

Clinical placements can require significant time commitments from students, which may include time periods normally regarded as ‘after hours’. Students will need physical and mental stamina, as well as flexibility with respect to hours of attendance. Placements are undertaken at a range of locations around South Australia, some of which will be rural and/or remote areas.

Visit: health.adelaide.edu.au/admissions/dentistry/inherent-requirements/

Incidental fees

There will be additional costs, over and above tuition fees, for all dentistry and oral health students. This includes, but is not limited to: clinical placement travel and accommodation, textbooks, equipment, immunisations, clearance renewals, first aid certificates and student amenities fees. For more details, visit: www.adelaide.edu.au/student/finance/other-fees
Bachelor of Dental Surgery

SATAC CODE: 314122
DURATION: 5 years full-time
LOCATION: North Terrace campus
MID-YEAR ENTRY: No
STAT ENTRY: Yes
TERTIARY TRANSFER: Yes
DEFERMENT: Yes- 2 years

Please note that strict quotas apply to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree.

Degree overview
The Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree at the University of Adelaide is the only professional dental degree in South Australia. Students are involved in clinical procedures from the outset of the degree, with an emphasis on the recognition and prevention of oral diseases. The degree provides an engaging and enjoyable study environment, which engenders a passion for life-long learning, with a strong focus on developing professional behaviour and communication skills.

The aim of this degree is to enable graduates to register as dentists to practise in Australia. Graduates are encouraged to strive through their advocacy and clinical practice to empower patients and communities to maintain optimal oral health throughout their lives.

Degree structure
The degree consists of one integrated stream in each year level. There is coordination of topics within and between each level of the degree.

The dynamic curriculum is delivered using a case-based learning approach. The emphasis on contextual learning of relevant scientific information throughout the degree occurs concurrently with the development of clinical skills, which is taught from the start of the degree.

Please note: This degree does not contain elective courses - all courses are compulsory.

First year
First year has a patient care focus, and introduces students to the practice of dentistry and provides a foundation for understanding the normal structure and function of a healthy body. This includes the oral cavity, evidence-based maintenance of patients’ health and dentistry as a career.

By working through a series of integrated learning activities, students develop a knowledge base related to evidence-based patient care and related bio-dental, clinical and behavioural sciences, clinical skills and professional behaviours. These integrated learning activities present various practise situations that focus on the initial phases of patient care and are supported by class meetings, laboratory, tutorial and clinical exercises.

Learning is also supported by independent study and discussion of findings in class. Small-group Discovery Experiences (SGDE) are also a feature of the dentistry curriculum. Students work in a collaborative environment to learn to critically evaluate themselves, and plan and implement strategies for improvement.

Second year
Second year builds on first year, maintaining the focus on patient care. The aim is to develop an understanding of the changes that occur in the oral cavity when an imbalance of the oral ecosystem develops.

The emphasis is on restoring and maintaining the balance towards health. Students will participate in integrated learning activities, supported by class meetings, laboratory sessions, tutorials, clinical sessions and independent study. Second year continues the emphasis on a scientific basis of dentistry by integrating knowledge of the structure and function of the body with a focus on developing skills to examine, assess risk, and systematically manage healthy patients with minor conditions.

Third and fourth years
In the third and fourth years of the degree, students will extend their dental sciences studies to include the understanding of dental disorders and the human diseases which have direct relevance to oral health and dental practice. The scientific basis of dental practice, and the health and the community components will continue throughout the year. Student’s clinical skills in comprehensive treatment planning will be developed further through the provision of supervised care for patients in both general dental practice and dental specialisations.

Fifth year
This is planned as a ‘clinical placements’ year. Students will undertake a range of placements in the dental hospital and in a range of community settings, both in public and private practice.

Assessment
Students undertake a range of integrated learning activities (ILAs) that link clinical practice with dental science. Students sit written exams in Dental Science and Practice at the end of each semester, and complete progressive integrated assessments at the end of each year. Students are regularly assessed on clinical, laboratory and ILA performance through self- and tutor-set assessment. Specified tests of understanding and other assignments are also assessed throughout the degree.
Career opportunities
University of Adelaide dental graduates become advocates for their patients and for the community’s future oral health needs. Graduates have the knowledge and skills required to register as a dental practitioner in Australia and are well regarded in the profession. Adelaide dental graduates are in demand for positions in both private and public practice, as well as defence, academia, and other areas.

Graduate registration
On completion of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree, all students who wish to work in Australia will need to apply for professional registration with the Dental Board of Australia. All applicants must comply with the Dental Boards English Language (IELTS academic level 7), Criminal History, and Professional Indemnity Insurance Dental Registration Standards and declare their blood-borne virus status, as stated in the Dental Board of Australia Guidelines on Infection Control. Visit dentalboard.gov.au or AHPRA ahpra.gov.au for further details.

International applicants should note that successful completion of this degree may not qualify them to practise/register in their home country. These applicants will have to contact the relevant health registration bodies of their home country for further information.

Clinical placement requirements
> Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency student registration
> Department for Communities and Social Inclusion screening for Child Related, Aged Care and Vulnerable Persons
> national police check
> first aid certificate (including CPR)
> immunisations and prescribed communicable infections (PCI) screening
> tuberculosis screening
> clinical placement deed poll
For more details, visit: health.adelaide.edu.au/current-students/clinical-placements/

Alternative study
As entry into Dentistry and Oral Health is highly competitive, applicants who are strongly motivated towards a career in the health field may also wish to consider applying for other health related undergraduate degrees offered by the University of Adelaide.

Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences
The Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences is a diverse and flexible degree that prepares students to tackle the major health issues facing the world today. With a unique selection of courses that draw from all the health sciences disciplines, the degree is ideal for students who are fascinated by the human body and who wish to develop a broad range of relevant, transferable and highly sought-after skills suited to a variety of careers in health.

Developed in consultation with industry partners, this innovative degree offers flexible online and part-time study options. A year-long research placement provides practical hands-on experience, and overseas study opportunities are available to increase understanding of global health issues.

The degree offers majors in one of two streams, Medical Health or Lifespan Health.

Medical Health majors:
> Clinical Trials
> Medical Sciences
> Neurosciences.

Lifespan Health majors:
> Addiction and Mental Health
> Nutritional Health
> Public Health
> Reproductive and Childhood Health.

Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced)
For students who want to lead the way on health issues, the Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced) is an innovative degree with a global health focus that prepares them to improve the health of individuals and populations.

With an emphasis on innovation, entrepreneurship, and hands-on clinical and research skills, the degree offers a strong foundation in a wide range of health related areas and provides graduates with the knowledge and leadership skills suited to a variety of health related careers.

Students are taught by award-winning academics to develop clinical skills with a medical focus. A unique course in Hacking Health offers the chance to explore solutions to frontline healthcare problems.

With a choice of seven majors, as well as flexible online and part-time learning options, students can shape their studies to match their interests, career aspirations and lifestyle.

A year-long research placement provides the opportunity to gain practical experience and build professional networks, and overseas study is available to help students gain a global perspective of health issues.
Domestic or international applicant?

Immigration status

Change in immigration status during the application process

- International applicants to the Dentistry and/or Oral Health degree whose residency status changes during the application process (i.e. they obtain permanent residency or some other immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) will no longer be eligible for an international student place.

- International applicants whose immigration status changes prior to 31 October may still compete for entry under the competitive process for domestic students if they advise the University of Adelaide by email (admissions@adelaide.edu.au) prior to 5pm on 31 October and are able to meet the additional entry requirements for domestic applicants.

- Applicants whose immigration status changes after 31 October and prior to the release of international offers can no longer be considered for the international cohort, and will need to re-apply for domestic entry the following year in accordance with the entry policy of that year.

Change in immigration status prior to release of offers

Offers for international places in the Dentistry and/or Oral Health degree cannot be made to applicants who are Australian/New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents.

If an applicant obtains permanent residency (or some other immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) after 29 September and prior to the release of international offers, they will not be eligible for an international offer, and will need to re-apply for domestic entry the following year in accordance with the entry policy of that year.

Change in immigration status after accepting an offer

Due to strict domestic and international quotas for commencing students, if an applicant obtains permanent residency (or some other immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) after they accept their offer and before they complete the first year of study in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery/Bachelor of Oral Health degree, they will not be able to remain in that degree.

Change in immigration status during studies

International students who obtain Australian permanent residency (or some other immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) during the degree will only be able to remain in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery/Bachelor of Oral Health if there is a domestic place available at that time. With strict quotas across the breadth of the Dental Surgery and Oral Health degrees, the availability of domestic places at any given time cannot be guaranteed. These are allocated at the discretion of the Executive Dean and subject to availability. If a domestic place is not available, the applicant will not be able to remain in the degree. If a domestic place is available, the applicant must pay tuition fees for the remainder of their studies in the degree; that is, they can not automatically be transferred into a Commonwealth Supported Place. If the applicant wishes to be considered for a Commonwealth Supported Place they will need to compete for entry as a commencing first year student, under the same conditions as all new domestic applicants to the Dental Surgery/Oral Health degrees, in the next available cycle.
Bachelor of Dental Surgery

Domestic entry overview

Application process

![Application process diagram]

**Step 1. UMAT registration**

All applications to register and sit for the UMAT must be made directly to ACER. Please refer to the UMAT website at: 
[umat.acer.edu.au](umat.acer.edu.au)

The UMAT website explains the test in detail and sets out the procedure for registration including the fees payable, test centre procedures, and regulations.

**Step 2. Sit the UMAT**

Once results from the UMAT test are received by the University we will determine whether or not an applicant receives an invitation to an interview. Each of the three sections of the UMAT test will be given equal weight.

If an applicant's UMAT result does not rank them highly enough to receive an invitation to attend an interview, any requests for special consideration for an interview will be declined.

The University of Adelaide will not alter an applicant’s UMAT score for any reason, including illness or compassionate grounds, and will not intervene or interfere in the UMAT scoring process or any application for an alternative test date. The University is not responsible for the release of UMAT scores to applicants.

**Can previous UMAT scores be used?**

UMAT scores can only be used for admission to any of the UMAT Consortium universities in the year following the test. For example, results from UMAT 2017 can be used for undergraduate medicine or dentistry courses beginning in 2018 but not 2019.

**Step 3. SATAC application**

Domestic applicants must apply through SATAC. Visit: [satac.edu.au](satac.edu.au)

SATAC code: 314122

The South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) receives and processes applications for all undergraduate degrees in South Australia and releases the formal offers for all University of Adelaide degrees. The SATAC application procedure allows applicants to list up to six degrees in order of preference. Prospective students must apply through SATAC regardless of which degree they wish to study.

**Please note:** Late applications to the BDS degree will not be considered.

**Step 4. Interview**

There will be one round of interviews for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree, held in late November through December 2017. Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list to be eligible for an offer into the BDS degree.

Interviews are by invitation only, and will be offered by the University on the basis of an applicant’s UMAT score, with each of the three UMAT sections having equal weighting. Special consideration requests to attend an interview will be declined.

**Please note:** The University reserves the right to run additional interview sessions if necessary.

**Please note:** Applicants who apply for both the Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Bachelor of Oral Health are invited to attend an interview must attend separate interviews for each degree.

**Booking an interview**

All eligible applicants will receive a congratulatory email from the University of Adelaide to the email address supplied in their SATAC application, along with an individual username and password to book a Bachelor of Dental Surgery interview online. Eligible applicants will be able to select an interview from a limited number of sessions on a first come, first served basis. During this time applicants can cancel and reschedule their interview time.

Once an interview session time has been filled, requests to schedule into it due to (but not limited to) school commitments, travel plans, or conflicting interviews times with other universities, will be declined.

**Step 5. Study prerequisites**

None.

**Step 6. Academic score**

Steps 2, 4, 5 and 6 combined

**Application outcome**

**Merit ranking process**

Applicants will be ranked for consideration of an offer based on their performance in the three components of the admissions process:

- interview results: first ranking level
- UMAT Results: second ranking level
- academic results: meets threshold and final ranking level

**Please note:** Personal statements, testimonials, character/work/school references, awards, certificates and predicted results do not make up any of the selection components and will not be considered. Applicants are asked not to submit these documents to the University. Feedback on an individual’s performance and overall ranking will NOT be released by the University. Information regarding an applicant and their application is confidential and will not be released to an advocate of the applicant, whether family or friends. No appeals on behalf of an applicant will be considered.

**What is the UMAT?**

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is an aptitude exam run by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). It is one of the core components for entry selection into the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree.

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[umat.acer.edu.au](umat.acer.edu.au)

The UMAT website explains the test in detail and sets out the procedure for registration including the fees payable, test centre procedures, and regulations.
**Where are interviews held?**

All domestic interviews are conducted face-to-face in Adelaide. There are no options for conducting interviews by telephone or via video conferencing (e.g., Skype), and any requests will be declined. It is an applicant’s responsibility to ensure that they are available during the nominated times as interviews will not be conducted outside of these dates. Requests for an interview outside of the nominated times will be declined.

**Can interviews be rescheduled once the booking system has closed?**

Once bookings have closed, an interview cannot be rescheduled except in cases of extreme medical/compassionate circumstances. A request to reschedule under these circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Faculty Admissions Coordinator (with supporting documentation) for consideration within five days of the original interview. Please submit all rescheduling requests to admissions@adelaide.edu.au

Please note, an interview will not be rescheduled for reasons such as (but not limited to): transportation problems or delayed/cancelled flights for those travelling from interstate and overseas.

**Interview structure**

Interviews for the BDS degree will generally be of 20 minutes duration. An applicant will be assessed by a panel of up to two interviewers.

All interviewers are volunteers who have completed a University of Adelaide training program. They are recruited from the following groups:

> academic and clinical academic staff of the University of Adelaide
> people drawn from the wider community.

Each applicant will be given the first names of the interviewers. The only information interviewers will have regarding the applicant is the applicant’s first name and their SATAC application number, for reference purposes only.

**Interview criteria**

The interview will focus on an applicant’s:

> knowledge of the University of Adelaide Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree
> motivation to become a dentist
> compatibility with the University of Adelaide Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree
> interpersonal and communication skills.

**Preparing for the interview**

Applicants are encouraged to prepare for the interview and this can include having discussions with dentists, dental specialists and dental academics; observing a dental practitioner in a variety of practice settings; and hands-on experience e.g. dental assistant work.

Applicants are discouraged from reciting rehearsed responses. Attempts at rehearsing for the interview are unlikely to be helpful as ‘rehearsed’ and ‘natural’ responses usually conflict and lessen the applicant’s overall performance.

The interviews are reviewed after each cycle and the content and conduct of interviews may change from one year to the next.

**Step 5. Subject prerequisites**

**SACE Stage 2:** two Science subjects: one chosen from Chemistry, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics, Physics; and one chosen from Biology, Geology, Chemistry, Physics. If Stage 2 studies were undertaken prior to 2017, the equivalent subject was known as Mathematical Studies.

**IB:** two Science subjects: one chosen from Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics; and one from Biology, Chemistry or Physics. (SL grade 4/HL grade 3).

**Equivalent university courses:** All applicants must have successfully completed the prerequisite subjects or equivalent, such as a first year Human Biology subject (full-year) as part of the Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences degree.

**Subject prerequisites are applicable to all Bachelor of Dental Surgery entry pathways.**

**Assumed knowledge**

A necessary precursor for success in the BDS degree is a high proficiency in the written and oral use of the English language.

**Applying for credit**

Due to the highly integrated curriculum in the BDS degree at the University of Adelaide, applicants are not eligible to apply for entry into the later years of the degree or to apply for advanced standing. Applicants will not receive any recognition for prior learning.

**Step 6. Academic score**

To meet the minimum academic threshold for entry into the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree at the University of Adelaide, applicants must achieve:

> Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR): 90 or above
> International Baccalaureate score: 31 or above or the interstate/overseas equivalent.
> Grade Point Average (GPA): 5.0 or above – only applicable for Higher Education [Tertiary Transfer] applicants.
> STAT Entry: See page 12.

Please note: The minimum ATAR to be eligible for entry to the BDS is 90 but usually a significantly higher ATAR is required due to the competitiveness of applicants. The SACE Board of SA or interstate equivalent will advise the applicant of their ATAR.

**Bonus points**

Bonus points for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree are available under the Universities Equity Scheme. This scheme aims to improve access to tertiary education for students who are under-represented at university. Eligible applicants will receive five bonus points.

Applicants to the BDS degree can also receive up to four subject bonus points via the Universities Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme. For more information about bonus points, visit: adelaide.edu.au/study/high-school/getting-in/bonus, or contact askadelaide@adelaide.edu.au

**Step 7. Application outcome**

Domestic offers will be made by SATAC, however, to secure a place in the BDS degree applicants MUST enrol in all first year courses for the BDS degree by the deadline stated in the SATAC offer letter. Supporting information regarding enrolment will be provided by the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences once SATAC offers are made.
Please note: The University reserves the right to make offers outside of the formal SATAC offer rounds and will do so until all places are filled. This can continue up until the census date.

For key university dates go to adelaide.edu.au/student/dates/critical

International students studying in Australia

Please refer to page 14.

Change of preferences

A change of preference includes changing the order of the existing preferences in a SATAC application. Applicants can check or change their preferences online at satac.edu.au after they have lodged their SATAC application. SATAC staff will not accept a change of preference over the telephone.

Please note: New applications/preferences for Dental Surgery will not be considered after the closing date of 29 September 2017. Those who wish to change the order of their existing preferences, including Dental Surgery, must do so by 3 January 2018 in order to be guaranteed equal consideration.

Deferral of studies

Deferral of studies for up to two years is permitted for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery. Applicants wishing to defer their studies must choose the “defer” response (by the nominated response deadline in their SATAC offer) if they are offered a place in the degree, and follow all instructions provided by the University during this time, in order to guarantee their place in future. SATAC will confirm the deferred place in mid April 2018 and the University will be in contact in October 2018 to confirm the place for the following year. All communications regarding the deferred place will be via email.
Entry pathways

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants

Indigenous applicants may be eligible for entry through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Access Scheme. Wirltu Yarlu: Aboriginal Education, administers the Aboriginal Access Scheme in partnership with the Faculty of Health and Medical Science’s Indigenous Student Support Officer and Admissions Team to offer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians an alternative entry pathway to the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences
- Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced)
- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Oral Health
- Bachelor of Psychological Science.

Aboriginal Access Scheme applicants are assessed on several factors such as: their educational history, employment experiences, understanding of the chosen program of study, and other factors that demonstrate their skills and desires to study; as well as an interview.

The interview panel will include an Indigenous Student Support Officer, a representative from the academic area in which the applicant is seeking enrolment, and a student representative. Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, and Bachelor of Oral Health applicants will be also required to attend a formal interview through the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the Aboriginal Access Scheme, an applicant must:

- be 17 years of age or older,
- be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent,
- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander,
- be accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander by the community in which they live, or have lived.

Application process

1. Applicants should make contact with the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Indigenous Student Support Officer to discuss specific course information such as prerequisite subjects and their interest in applying through the scheme.
2. Applicants wishing to study the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery or the Bachelor of Dental Surgery must apply to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT).
3. Submit a South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre (SATAC) application online
4. Complete and submit the Aboriginal Access Scheme application and return to Wirltu Yarlu: Aboriginal Education
5. Attend an interview during the selections period
6. If successful, applicants will receive an offer through SATAC.

For more information, visit:
W: adelaide.edu.au/wirltu-yarlu/
E: wirltu.yarlu@adelaide.edu.au

Higher Education (Tertiary Transfer) applicants

Tertiary Transfer (Higher Education) applicants are still required to sit the UMAT and gain a competitive score to be invited to an interview. The University uses the applicant’s Grade Point Average in lieu of an ATAR.

To meet the minimum academic threshold for the Tertiary Transfer pathway, applicants must have completed at least half a year full-time equivalent higher education study, achieving at least a credit average (a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 or more). Tertiary Transfer applicants must also meet the prerequisite subject requirements.

The Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree does not accept transfer of students who have partially completed an undergraduate or postgraduate dentistry or oral health degree at another university, either in Australia or overseas.

Secondary school leavers

To be considered as a secondary school leaver, applicants must have completed more than 2 years full-time (or part-time equivalent) university study (48 units) at an Australian or overseas institution.

For full details of Tertiary Entrance Rules under the SACE/NTCE refer to the “SATAC Tertiary Entrance Booklet 2018, 2019, 2020”, published by SATAC and available on their website: satac.edu.au

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

If an applicant has no formal qualifications on which to base their application to a tertiary institution, they may be eligible to be considered for entry to a course by sitting the STAT. To be eligible to sit the test, they need to be over 18 years of age before 1 February in the year of entry to the course, and have never been enrolled in a course leading to a higher education level award.

The STAT is a series of tests designed to assess a range of competencies considered important for success in tertiary study. It assesses one’s ability to think critically and analyse the material given, rather than testing their knowledge of specific academic subjects. For further information on the STAT, visit: stat.acer.edu.au.

To apply to take the STAT, applicants must select the option as part of their SATAC application to university. They will be able to pay for the test and choose their sitting time during their application. STAT applicants are still required to sit the UMAT and gain a competitive score to be invited to an interview. The University uses an applicant’s STAT result (converted to a rank) in lieu of an ATAR.

To meet the minimum academic threshold for the STAT entry pathway, applicants must achieve a STAT score in the top decile and must also meet the prerequisite subject requirements.
### Domestic key dates

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### Domestic contacts

**Who to contact with any questions**

Ask Adelaide’s friendly and skilled staff can address all degree enquiries over the phone or online. If they do not have the answer, enquirers will be referred to faculty/school/discipline staff for expert advice.

**Ask Adelaide**

T: (08) 8313 5208  
Free-call (outer Adelaide, SA and interstate only): 1800 061 459  
Enquire online:  
www.adelaide.edu.au/student/enquiries

**SATA C**

W: satac.edu.au  
T: (08) 8224 4000  
T: 1300 138 440 (local call cost)

**UMAT Office at ACER**

T: (03) 8508 7643  
International: +61 3 8508 7643  
E: umat@acer.edu.au  
W: acer.edu.au

**Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences**

E: askhealthsc@adelaide.edu.au  
Postal Address:  
Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Admissions  
Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences building  
The University of Adelaide  
SA 5005, Australia

Please note all official communication will be sent from askhealthsc@ask.adelaide.edu.au. We suggest applicants add this address to their email account contact list to ensure they receive all communications from us.
Merit ranking process
Applicants will be ranked in consideration for an offer based on their performance in the three components of the admissions process:

- Interview results: first ranking level
- PQA results: second ranking level
- Academic results: meets threshold and final ranking level.

Please note: Personal statements, testimonials, character/school/work references, awards, certificates and predicted results do not make up any of the selection components and will not be considered. Applicants are asked not to submit these documents to the University.

Feedback on an individual’s performance and overall ranking will NOT be released by the University. Information regarding an applicant and their application is confidential and will not be released to an advocate of the applicant, whether family or friends. No appeals on behalf of an applicant will be considered.

Step 1. Online application
All international applicants must submit a formal application online. To submit an application, visit: international.adelaide.edu.au/apply and select Step 4: Apply.

The online application will also include registration to sit the Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA), and applicants will be prompted to select the relevant PQA test venue on the application system.

Applicants must submit their application and payments prior to 11:59pm (SA Time) Friday 30 June, 2017.

Step 2. Personal Qualities Assessment
The Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA) is an instrument designed to assess a range of personal qualities considered to be important for the study and practise of medicine, dentistry and other health professions.

Please refer to the Personal Qualities Assessment website (pqa.net.au) for further information regarding the contents of the test.

PQA results form part of the selection into the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) and remain the property of the University of Adelaide’s Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences.

PQA results can only be used for one admissions cycle. Results from the PQA test will determine whether or not an applicant receives an invitation to an interview.

If an applicant's PQA result does not rank them highly enough to receive an invitation to an interview, any requests for special consideration for an interview will be declined.

PQA fees
The fee to sit the PQA is AUD $500.00. Payment must be submitted to complete a valid registration before the close of business on Friday 30 June 2017. An applicant will be refused entry to sit the PQA test if payment has not been received correctly. Payment is made via credit card and no late payments will be accepted.

An applicant may cancel their registration but please note that the PQA registration fee is non-refundable.

Test dates and locations
The faculty will be offering the PQA test in the following locations:

- Adelaide - Tuesday 1 August 2017
- Malaysia  - Wednesday 2 August 2017
- Toronto - Thursday 3 August 2017
- Singapore - Friday August 4 2017

Applicants will be advised of venue specifics upon registration for the PQA at the time of application. Applicants are advised that only results from tests taken on this date at these locations will be considered by the University.

PQA frequently asked questions
Question 1: How do I pay the PQA fee?
Answer: Payment of the PQA fee is made at the time of application by credit card.

Question 2: Can I opt for an alternative PQA venue after it has been booked?
Answer: Only if there is availability at an alternate University venue on the date of the PQA test. All requests should be sent as a return email from the application acknowledgment email.

Question 3: What is the appropriate dress code for the PQA?
Answer: Smart casual wear is appropriate.

Question 4: Are there any practice tests available for the PQA?
Answer: Applicants do not require any specific preparation or knowledge to undertake the PQA however the PQA website has example questions to view.
Bachelor of Dental Surgery – International entry

Step 3. Interview

There will be one round of interviews for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree held in late September to early October 2017. Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list to be eligible for an offer into the BDS degree.

Invitations to attend an interview will be extended via email on Friday 1 September 2017 to the email address provided at the time of application. Applicants who are not eligible for interview will also be notified on this date.

Please note: Applicants who apply for both the Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Bachelor of Oral Health and are invited to attend an interview must attend separate interviews for each degree.

Selection for interviews

Invitations for an interview will be based on performance in the PQA, and will be extended via email by the University of Adelaide to the address supplied on application. In this email successful applicants will receive an individual username and password to book an interview online.

Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list to be eligible for an offer in the BDS degree.

Booking an interview

Eligible applicants will be able to select an interview from a limited number of sessions on a first come, first served basis. Once an interview session has been filled, requests to schedule into it due to (but not limited to), previously arranged travel, school and personal commitments, national service commitments, or conflicting interview times with other universities will be declined.

It is an applicant’s responsibility to ensure that they are available during the nominated times as interviews will not be conducted outside these dates. Requests for interviews outside of the nominated times will be declined.

Can interviews be rescheduled after the booking system has closed?

Once bookings have closed, an interview cannot be rescheduled except in cases of extreme medical/compassionate circumstances. A request to reschedule under these circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Faculty Admissions Coordinator (with supporting documentation) for consideration within five days of the original interview. Please submit all rescheduling requests to admissions@adelaide.edu.au

Please note, an interview will not be rescheduled for reasons such as (but not limited to): transportation problems or delayed/cancelled flights for those travelling from interstate and overseas.

Interview criteria

The interview will assess skills and qualities considered important for undertaking the degree and for use in future professional practice, and which are widely accepted by the community. Invitations for an interview will be based on performance in the PQA.

The interview will focus on an applicant’s:

> knowledge of the University of Adelaide Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree
> motivation to become a dentist
> compatibility with the University Adelaide Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree
> interpersonal and communication skills.

Preparing for the interview

Applicants are encouraged to prepare for the interview. This can include having discussions with dentists, dental specialists, and dental academics; observing a dental practitioner in a variety of practice settings; and hands-on experience e.g. dental assistant work.

Applicants are discouraged from reciting rehearsed responses. Attempts at rehearsing for the interview are unlikely to be helpful as ‘rehearsed’ and ‘natural’ responses usually conflict and lessen the applicant’s overall performance.

Interview structure

The interview will be generally 20 minutes in length and will be conducted by an experienced interviewer.

All interviewers are volunteers who have completed a University of Adelaide training program. They are recruited from academic and clinical academic staff of the University of Adelaide.

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Step 4. English language requirements

The IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Academic Test is the preferred English language proficiency qualification, but the University may accept other evidence of proficiency in English in individual cases.

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<td>Overall band score of 7.0 AND Band score of 7.0 in all bands</td>
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International students undertaking an Australian year 12 program will meet the English language proficiency requirements with a passing grade or above in a recognised English as a Second Language or an English Language subject, as a part of the successful completion of their year 12 qualification.

International students who are not required to undertake an English subject to successfully complete their Australian year 12 qualification (or those who successfully complete their year 12 qualification but do not pass their English subject), can meet the English language proficiency requirements by achieving or exceeding the minimum score in an IELTS or another accepted English language test.

Successful completion of the International Baccalaureate Diploma meets the English language requirements of the University of Adelaide.

Step 5. Subject prerequisites

Two subjects: One from Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics and one from Biology, Chemistry, Geology or Physics. All applicants must have successfully completed the prerequisite subjects.

Subject prerequisites are applicable to all BDS entry pathways.

Step 6. Academic score

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International offers

The University of Adelaide’s Student Recruitment and Admissions Services Office will make offers from late October-February on a rolling basis until all places in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree are filled.

Offers will only be made once all parts of the selection process have been completed. Offers will be forwarded to the applicant’s/agent’s email address as advised on their application form.

Applicants receiving an offer must return the required acceptance payment and documents before the acceptance closing dates as specified in their official letter.

Does the university accept forecast results?

The University of Adelaide will issue conditional offers based on forecast results.

International students studying in Australia

All international applicants must submit a formal application online, visit: international.adelaide.edu.au/apply and select Step 4: Apply.

The online application also serves as the registration to sit the PQA and applicants will be prompted to select a PQA test venue. Application and payment must be submitted prior to the 30 June 2017 deadline. Applicants who have not yet completed their current qualification will still be required to apply by this date.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Please note: In addition to this application, any applicant studying for an Australian Year 12 qualification or for the IB in Australia must also apply directly to SATAC before the September closing date.

Immigration status

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## Bachelor of Dental Surgery – International entry

### International key dates

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Ask Adelaide (Toll free for general enquiries): 1800 061 459

Student Recruitment and Admissions Services  
Call us +61 8 8313 4072

Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences  
T: +61 8 8313 5336  
F: +61 8 8313 3788  
E: askhealthsc@ask.adelaide.edu.au

Please note all official communication will be sent from askhealthsc@ask.adelaide.edu.au. We suggest that applicants add this address to their email account contact list to ensure they receive all communications from us.
Degree overview

The University of Adelaide’s Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH) degree is the only professional oral health degree available in South Australia. Students work and study as part of a small oral health community in a supportive and collegial manner. Graduates gain the knowledge, skills and attributes to enable them to practise oral health therapy at the highest level. Key features of the degree include early clinical experience, a significant amount and variety of clinical practice, health promotion and development of research skills. The degree focuses on the development of competence in clinical examination and diagnosis of dental disease, the formulation of individual treatment plans for patients, control and prevention of dental diseases by clinical treatment and preventive procedures, and health promotion of clients and the community to establish patterns of behaviour conducive to good oral health. There are substantial opportunities to learn and practise in a variety of hospital and community settings, both public and private, in metropolitan, rural and interstate locations.

Degree structure

The dynamic curriculum of the Bachelor of Oral Health is delivered within a problem-based learning (PBL) approach. The emphasis of contextual learning of relevant scientific information throughout the degree occurs concurrently with the development of clinical skills. PBL is an approach that develops problem solving strategies, a disciplinary knowledge base and professional skills. PBL places students in the active role of a problem solver confronted with an issue/patient scenario, which mirrors a real-world situation. In many examples, students study real-life cases. There are four highly integrated streams in each year of the Bachelor of Oral Health that continue through the three years of the degree. Some classes are delivered in a team context with Bachelor of Dental Surgery students to enable teamwork across the degrees and comprehensive client care.

First year
First year introduces students to the practice of oral health therapy with a client care focus, and provides a foundation for understanding the anatomy of the body and oral cavity, dental diseases and preventive management. It includes evidence-based maintenance of clients’ health and oral health as a career. The BOH degree is based on a social approach to teaching where students learn collaboratively through problem-solving, small group discovery experiences (SGDE), and a range of other social learning methodologies. Students learn to critically evaluate themselves, and plan and implement strategies for improvement.

Second year
Second year further develops an understanding of dental diseases and their prevention, and medical implications of practice. The aim is to develop a deeper understanding of the biological, environmental or social aspects that impact on oral health. Students begin to explore the community aspects of oral health and health promotion, and participate in problem-based learning sessions, supported by class meetings, laboratory sessions, tutorials, clinical sessions, SGDE and independent study.

Third year
In the third year, students will extend their dental sciences studies to include an understanding of more specialised areas that impact on dental diseases and oral health therapy practice. Students extend their understanding of dental diseases and management to a population level. Clinical skills in comprehensive treatment planning and management are developed through the provision of supervised care for clients in a range of settings. Clinical practice extends beyond the standard semester periods and will include rural settings. Final year students undertake an Oral Health elective to broaden their research and experience in their preferred areas.

Clinical placement requirements

> Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency student registration
> Department for Communities and Social Inclusion screening for Child Related, Aged Care and Vulnerable Persons
> national police check
> first aid certificate (including CPR)
> immunisations and prescribed communicable infections (PCI) screening
> tuberculosis screening
> clinical placement deed poll

For more details, visit: health.adelaide.edu.au/current-students/clinical-placements/
Career opportunities
Through their advocacy and clinical practice, University of Adelaide oral health graduates strive to empower individuals and communities to maintain optimal oral health throughout their lives. Graduates have highly sought-after skills and a wide variety of career options are available to them in both the public and private sectors.
Potential career paths include:
> oral health therapy
> dental therapy, dental hygiene
> health promotion
> early childhood to geriatric dentistry
> health administration
> Indigenous studies
> special needs
> dental health research
> postgraduate studies.
Career prospects are good for oral health therapists across Australia, particularly in rural and remote areas. It is envisaged that most Bachelor of Oral Health graduates will work as oral health therapists, providing simple dental procedures, periodontal maintenance and prevention.

Graduate registration
On completion of the Bachelor of Oral Health degree, all students who wish to work in Australia will need to apply for professional registration with the Dental Board of Australia. All applicants must comply with the Dental Boards English Language (IELTS academic level 7), Criminal History and Professional Indemnity Insurance Dental Registration Standards and declare their blood borne virus status as stated in the Dental Board of Australia Guidelines on Infection Control. Visit www.dentalboard.gov.au or AHPRA ahpra.gov.au for further details.
International applicants should note that successful completion of this degree may not qualify them to practise or register in their home country. They will have to contact the relevant health registration bodies of their home country for further information.
Immigration status

Change in immigration status during the application process

- International applicants to the Dentistry and/or Oral Health degree whose residency status changes during the application process (i.e., they obtain permanent residency or some other immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) will no longer be eligible for an international student place.

- International applicants whose immigration status changes prior to 31 October may still compete for entry under the competitive process for domestic students if they advise the University of Adelaide by email (admissions@adelaide.edu.au) prior to 5 pm on 31 October and are able to meet the additional entry requirements for domestic applicants.

- Applicants whose immigration status changes prior to 29 September and who have NOT lodged a domestic application and/or do not meet the additional entry requirements for domestic applicants cannot be considered for a domestic offer and can no longer be considered for an international offer. These applicants will need to re-apply for domestic entry the following year in accordance with the entry policy of that year.

- Applicants whose immigration status changes after 31 October and prior to the release of international offers can no longer be considered for the international cohort, and will need to re-apply for domestic entry the following year in accordance with the entry policy of that year.

Change in immigration status prior to release of offers

Offers for international places in the Dentistry and/or Oral Health degree cannot be made to applicants who are Australian/New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents.

If an applicant obtains permanent residency (or some other immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) after 29 September and prior to the release of international offers, they will not be eligible for an international offer, and will need to re-apply for domestic entry the following year in accordance with the entry policy of that year.

Change in immigration status after accepting an offer

Due to strict domestic and international quotas for commencing students, if an applicant obtains permanent residency (or some other immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) after they accept their offer and before they complete the first year of study in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery/Bachelor of Oral Health degree, they will not be able to remain in that degree.

Change in immigration status during studies

International students who obtain Australian permanent residency (or some other immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) during the degree will only be able to remain in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery/Bachelor of Oral Health if there is a domestic place available at that time. With strict quotas across the breadth of the Dental Surgery and Oral Health degrees, availabilities of domestic places at any given time cannot be guaranteed. These are allocated at the discretion of the Executive Dean and are subject to availability. If a domestic place is not available, the applicant will not be able to remain in the degree. If a domestic place is available, the applicant must pay tuition fees for the remainder of their studies in the degree; that is, they can not automatically be transferred into a Commonwealth Supported Place. If the applicant wishes to be considered for a Commonwealth Supported Place they will need to compete for entry as a commencing first year student under the same conditions as all new domestic applicants to the Dental Surgery/Oral Health degrees in the next available cycle.
Domestic entry overview

Application process

Merit ranking process
Applicants will be ranked in consideration for an offer based on their performance in the two components of the admissions process:

> interview results: first ranking level
> academic results: meets threshold and final ranking level

Please note: Personal statements, testimonials, character/school/work references, awards, certificates and predicted results do not make up any of the selection components and will not be considered. Applicants are asked not to submit these documents to the University. Feedback on an individual’s performance and overall ranking will NOT be released by the University. Information regarding an applicant and their application is confidential and will not be released to an advocate of the applicant, whether family or friends. No appeals on behalf of an applicant will be considered.

Step 2. Interview
ALL domestic applicants to the Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH) degree MUST attend an interview as only applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list to be eligible for an offer into the BOH degree.

There will be one round of interviews for the BOH degree, held in late November through December 2017, with invitations to interviews (including instructions on how to book) sent on Thursday 26 October.

Booking an interview
All eligible applicants will receive a congratulatory email from the University of Adelaide to the email address supplied in their SATAC application, along with an individual username and password to book a Bachelor of Oral Health interview online. Eligible applicants will be able to select an interview from a limited number of sessions on a first come, first served basis. During this time applicants can cancel and reschedule their interview time. Once an interview session time has been filled, requests to schedule into it due to (but not limited to) school commitments, travel plans or conflicting interviews times with other universities will be declined.

Where are interviews held?
All domestic interviews are conducted face-to-face in Adelaide. There are no options for conducting the interviews by telephone or via video conferencing (e.g. Skype), and any requests for this will be declined. It is an applicant’s responsibility to ensure that they are available during the nominated times as interviews will not be conducted outside of these dates. Requests for an interview outside of the nominated times will be declined.

Can interviews be rescheduled once the booking system has closed?
Once bookings have closed, an interview cannot be rescheduled except in cases of extreme medical/compassionate circumstances. A request to reschedule under these circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Faculty Admissions Coordinator (with supporting documentation) for consideration within five days of the original interview. Please submit all rescheduling requests to admissions@adelaide.edu.au

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Interview criteria
The interview will assess skills and qualities which are considered important for undertaking the degree and for future professional practise in that field.

The interview will focus on an applicant’s:

> knowledge of the University of Adelaide Bachelor of Oral Health degree
> motivation to become an oral health therapist
> compatibility with the University of Adelaide Bachelor of Oral Health degree
> interpersonal and communication skills.
Preparing for the interview
Applicants are encouraged to prepare for the interview. This can include having discussions with oral health therapists, dental therapists and hygienists, dentists, dental specialists or dental academics; observing a dental practitioner in a variety of practice settings; and hands-on experience e.g. dental assistant work.

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Interview structure
The interview will be generally 20 minutes in length and will be conducted by an experienced interviewer. Each applicant will be given the first name of the interviewer. The only information the interviewer will have regarding the applicant is the applicant’s first name and application number, for reference purposes only.

All interviewers are volunteers who have completed a University of Adelaide training program. They are recruited from the following groups:
> academic and clinical academic staff of the University of Adelaide.
> graduates and third year students of the Bachelor of Oral Health degree.

Please note: Applicants who apply for both the Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Bachelor of Oral Health and are invited to attend an interview must attend separate interviews for each degree.

Step 3. Study prerequisites
SACE: One 20-credit SACE Stage 2 Tertiary Admission subject from the mathematics or science learning areas.
IB: Any Mathematical or Science subject.
OR equivalent university courses: i.e. first year Human Biology subject (full-year) as part of the Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences degree.

All applicants must have successfully completed the prerequisite subjects or equivalent. Subject prerequisites are applicable to all BOH entry pathways.

Assumed knowledge
A necessary precursor for success in the BOH degree is a high proficiency in the written and oral use of the English language.

Step 4. Academic score
To meet the minimum academic threshold for entry into the Bachelor of Oral Health at the University of Adelaide, applicants must achieve:
> Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR): 70 or above.
> International Baccalaureate score: 25 or above, or the interstate/overseas equivalent.
> GPA or equivalent: 4.0 - Higher Education (Tertiary Transfer) applicants, see page 23.
> STAT Entry: See page 23.
> TAFE/VET Diploma Advanced Diploma: See page 23. (This is a pathway to First Year from any VET Diploma or Advanced Diploma anywhere in Australia).

Bonus points
Bonus points for the Bachelor of Oral Health degree are available under the Universities Equity Scheme. This scheme aims to improve access to tertiary education for students who are under-represented at university. Eligible applicants will receive five bonus points.

Applicants to the BOH degree can also receive up to four subject bonus points via the Universities Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme. For more information, visit: adelaide.edu.au/study/high-school/getting-in/bonus, or contact askadelaide@adelaide.edu.au

How to calculate a Grade Point Average
The Grade Point Average (GPA) is an internationally recognised calculation used to find the average result of all grades achieved for a student’s course.

Students can calculate their University of Adelaide GPA by visiting: adelaide.edu.au/enrol/gpa/

Step 5. Application outcome
Domestic Bachelor of Oral Health offers will be made by SATAC. Successful applicants MUST enrol by the deadline provided in the offer letter to secure their place in the degree.

Supporting information regarding enrolment will be provided by the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences once SATAC offers are made.

Please note: The University reserves the right to make offers outside of the formal SATAC offer rounds and will do so until all places are filled. This can continue up until the census date.

For key university dates, visit: adelaide.edu.au/student/dates/critical

Change of preferences
A change of preference includes changing the order of the existing preferences in a SATAC application. Applicants can check or change their preferences online at satac.edu.au after they have lodged their SATAC application. SATAC staff will not accept a change of preference over the telephone.

Please note: New applications/preferences for Oral Health will not be considered after the closing date of 29 September 2017. Applicants who wish to change the order of their existing preferences including Oral Health must do so by 3 January 2018 in order to be guaranteed equal consideration.

Deferral of studies
Deferral of studies for up to two years is permitted for the Bachelor of Oral Health.
Applicants wishing to defer their studies must choose the ‘defer’ response (by the nominated response deadline) if they are offered the degree and follow all instructions provided by the University during this time in order to guarantee their place in future. SATAC will confirm the deferred place mid-April 2018 and the University will be in contact in October 2018 to confirm the place for the following year. All communications regarding the deferred place will be via email.

International students studying in Australia
Please refer to page 25.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants
Indigenous applicants may be eligible for entry through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Scheme. Refer to page 12 for further information.

Secondary school leavers
To be considered as a secondary school leaver, applicants must not have completed more than 2 years full-time (or equivalent part-time) university study at an Australian or overseas institution.


Tertiary Transfer (Higher Education) applicants
To meet the minimum academic threshold for the Tertiary Transfer (Higher Education) entry pathway, applicants must have completed at least half a year full time equivalent higher education study, achieving a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or more. Tertiary Transfer applicants must also meet the prerequisite subject requirements.

VET pathway
A completed VET Diploma or Advanced Diploma.

To meet the minimum academic threshold for the VET/TAFE entry pathway, applicants must have completed an AQF Diploma or above from a Registered Training Organisation. VET/TAFE applicants must also meet the prerequisite subject requirements for the Bachelor of Oral Health degree.

VET/TAFE articulation pathway
Students who have completed an Advanced Diploma of Oral Health (Dental Hygiene) from TAFE SA are eligible for a total credit award of 34 units towards the Bachelor of Oral Health.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
If an applicant has no formal qualifications on which to base their application to a tertiary institution, they may be eligible to be considered for entry to a course by sitting the STAT. To be eligible to sit the test, applicants need to be over 18 years of age before 1 February in the year of entry to the course, and not undertaken more than two years (full-time) tertiary study (or part-time equivalent).

The STAT is a series of tests designed to assess a range of competencies considered important for success in tertiary study. It assesses one’s ability to think critically and analyse the material given, rather than testing their knowledge of specific academic subjects.

For further information on the STAT, visit stat.acer.edu.au.

To meet the minimum academic threshold for the STAT entry pathway, applicants must achieve a satisfactory STAT score and must also meet the prerequisite subject requirements. The University uses an applicant’s STAT result (converted to a rank) in lieu of an ATAR.

To apply to take the STAT, applicants must select the option as part of their SATAC application to university. They will be able to pay for the test and choose their sitting time when completing the application.
Domestic key dates

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Domestic contacts

Who to contact with any questions

Ask Adelaide’s friendly and skilled staff can address all degree enquiries over the phone or online. If they do not have the answer enquirers will be referred to faculty/school/discipline staff for expert advice.

Ask Adelaide
T: (08) 8313 5208
Free-call (outer Adelaide, SA and interstate only): 1800 061 459
Enquire online: www.adelaide.edu.au/student/enquiries

SATAC
W: satac.edu.au
T: (08) 8224 4000
T: 1300 138 440 (local call cost)

UMAT Office at ACER
T: (03) 8508 7643
International: +61 3 8508 7643
E: umat@acer.edu.au
W: acer.edu.au

Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
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F: (08) 8313 3788
E: askhealthsciences@adelaide.edu.au
Postal Address:
Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Admissions
Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences building
The University of Adelaide
SA 5005, Australia

Please note all official communication will be sent from askhealthsc@ask.adelaide.edu.au. We suggest applicants add this address to their email account contact list to ensure they receive all communication from us.
International entry overview

Application process

Step 1: Online application/PQA registration
Step 2: Sit the PQA
Step 3: Interview
Step 4: English language requirements
Step 5: Study prerequisites
Step 6: Academic score

Steps 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 combined

Application outcome

Merit ranking process
Applicants will be ranked in consideration for an offer based on their performance in the three components of the admissions process:

- interview results: first ranking level
- PQA results: second ranking level
- academic results: meets threshold and final ranking level.

Please note: Testimonials, character/school references, awards, certificates and predicted results do not make up any of the selection components and will not be considered.

Feedback on an individual’s performance and overall ranking will NOT be released by the University. Information regarding an applicant and their application is confidential and will not be released to an advocate of the applicant, whether family or friends. No appeals on behalf of an applicant will be considered.

Step 1. Online application
All international applicants must submit a formal application online. To submit an application, visit: international.adelaide.edu.au/apply and select Step 4: Apply.

The online application will also include registration to sit the Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA). Applicants will be prompted to select the relevant PQA test venue on the application system.

Applicants must submit their application and payments prior to 11:59pm (SA Time) Friday 30 June 2017. Applicants who have not yet completed their current qualification will still be required to apply by 30 June. Late applications will not be accepted.

Step 2. Personal Qualities Assessment
The Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA) is an instrument designed to assess a range of personal qualities considered to be important for the study and practice of medicine, dentistry and other health professions.

Please refer to the Personal Qualities Assessment website (pqa.net.au) for further information regarding the contents of the test.

PQA results form part of the selection into the Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH) degree and remain the property of the University of Adelaide’s Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences.

PQA results can only be used for one admissions cycle. Results from the PQA test will determine whether or not an applicant receives an invitation to an interview. If an applicant’s PQA result does not rank them highly enough to receive an invitation to an interview, any requests for special consideration for an interview will be declined.

PQA fees
The fee to sit the PQA is AUD $500.00. Payment must be submitted to complete a valid registration before the close of business on Friday 30 June 2017. An applicant will be refused entry to sit the PQA test if payment has not been received correctly. Payment is made via credit card and no late payments will be accepted.

An applicant may cancel their registration but please note that the PQA registration fee is non-refundable.

Test dates and locations
The University will be offering the PQA test in the following locations:

- Adelaide - Tuesday 1 August 2017
- Malaysia - Wednesday 2 August 2017
- Toronto - Thursday 3 August 2017
- Singapore - Friday August 4 2017

PQA frequently asked questions

Question 1: How do I pay the PQA fee?
Answer: Payment of the PQA fee is made at the time of application by credit card.

Question 2: Can I opt for an alternative PQA venue after it has been booked?
Answer: Only if there is availability at an alternate University venue on the date of the PQA test. All requests should be sent as a return email from the application acknowledgment email.

Question 3: What is the appropriate dress code for the PQA?
Answer: Smart casual wear is appropriate.

Question 4: Are there any practice tests available for the PQA?
Answer: Applicants do not require any specific preparation or knowledge to undertake PQA. However the PQA website has example questions to view.

Question 5: Can I bring a dictionary into the PQA?
Answer: No, a dictionary is not allowed into the PQA venue. It is an assumption that the applicant’s vocabulary skills are at the required level.

Question 6: I did the PQA last year; do I need to do it again?
Answer: Yes, the test must be sat again, as results are only valid for one admission cycle.
Can I know my score for the PQA?
Answer: The University of Adelaide does not release individual results to applicants.

How long does the PQA take?
Answer: The PQA is approximately three hours in duration.

Step 3. Interview

There will be one round of interviews for the BOH degree, held in late September to early October 2017. Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list to be eligible for an offer into the BOH degree.

Invitations to interviews will be extended via email on Thursday 1 September 2017 to the email address provided at the time of application. Applicants who are not eligible for interview will also be notified on this date.

Please note: Applicants who apply for both the BDS and BOH degrees and are invited to attend an interview must attend separate interviews for each degree.

Selection for interviews

Invitations for an interview will be based on performance in the PQA, and will be extended via email by the University of Adelaide to the address supplied on application. In this email successful applicants will receive an individual username and password to book an interview online.

Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list to be eligible for an offer in the BOH degree.

Booking an interview

Eligible applicants will be able to select an interview from a limited number of sessions on a first come, first served basis. Once filled, scheduling into one of these session due to, but not limited to, previously arranged travel, school and personal commitments, national service commitments, or conflicting interview times with other universities, will be declined.

It is an applicant’s responsibility to ensure that they are available during the nominated times as interviews will not be conducted outside these dates. Requests for interviews outside of the nominated times will be declined.

Preparing for the interview

Applicants are encouraged to prepare for the interview. This can include having discussions with dentists, dental specialists and dental academics; observing a dental practitioner in a variety of practice settings; and hands-on experience e.g. dental assistant work.

Applicants are discouraged from reciting rehearsed responses. Attempts at rehearsing for the interview are unlikely to be helpful as ‘rehearsed’ and ‘natural’ responses usually conflict and lessen the applicant’s overall performance.

Interview structure

The interview will be generally 20 minutes in length and will be conducted by an experienced interviewer. The interview will assess skills and qualities which are considered important for undertaking the relevant degree and for future professional practice in that field.

All interviewers are volunteers who have completed a University of Adelaide training program. They are recruited from academic and clinical academic staff of the University of Adelaide.

Each applicant will be given the first name of interviewer. The only information the assessor will have regarding the applicant is the applicant’s first name and application number, for reference purposes only.

Interview criteria

The interview will assess skills and qualities considered important for undertaking the degree and for use in future professional practice, and which are widely accepted by the community. Invitations for an interview will be based on performance in the PQA.

The interview will focus on an applicant’s:
- knowledge of the University of Adelaide Bachelor of Oral Health degree
- motivation to become an oral therapist
- compatibility with the University Adelaide Bachelor of Oral Health degree
- interpersonal and communication skills.
International students studying in Australia

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Late applications will not be accepted.

Please note: In addition to this application, any applicant studying for an Australian Year 12 qualification or for the International Baccalaureate in Australia must also apply directly to SATAC before the September closing date.

Immigration status

Please see page 20.

Bachelor of Oral Health − International entry overview

Step 4. English language requirements

The IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Academic Test is the preferred English language proficiency qualification, but the University may accept other evidence of proficiency in English in individual cases.

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International students undertaking an Australian year 12 program will meet the English language proficiency requirements with a passing grade or above in a recognised English as a Second Language or an English Language subject, as a part of the successful completion of their year 12 qualification.

International students who are not required to undertake an English subject to successfully complete their Australian year 12 qualification (or those who successfully complete their year 12 qualification but do not pass their English subject), can meet the English language proficiency requirements by achieving or exceeding the minimum score in an IELTS or another accepted English language test.

Successful completion of the International Baccalaureate Diploma meets the English language requirements of the University of Adelaide.

Step 5. Study prerequisites

SACE: One subject from the mathematics or science learning areas or equivalent. All applicants must have successfully completed the subject prerequisites.

Step 6. Academic score

The minimum ATAR (or equivalent) to be eligible is 70. Applicants may be asked to provide their final results at any time from October onwards. Applicants must provide these as soon as possible.

GPA: University of Adelaide GPA of 4 or equivalent

TAFE: Yes

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International offers

The University of Adelaide’s Student Recruitment and Admissions Services Office will make offers from late October - February on a rolling basis until all places in the Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH) are filled. Offers will only be made once all parts of the selection process have been completed. Offers will be forwarded to the applicant’s/agent’s email address as advised on their application form.

Applicants receiving an offer must return the required acceptance payment and documents before the acceptance closing dates as specified in the official letter.

Does the university accept forecast results?

The University of Adelaide will issue conditional offers based on forecast results.

International students studying in Australia

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Immigration status

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