2019 DENTAL SURGERY ADMISSIONS GUIDE

Bachelor of Dental Surgery

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## Alternative study
- Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences
- Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced)
The Adelaide Dental School is the top ranked dental school in South Australia*

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 top two ranked dental schools in Australia and is ranked 33rd in the world*

Adelaide Dental School’s reputation for teaching, research, contribution to the community and the quality of its graduates has been built over a 98 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 undergraduate and postgraduate levels in dentistry and oral health, our teaching staff provide 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 Sciences entered an exciting new era in health education with the opening of the 14-floor, $246 million Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences (AHMS) building.

The AHMS building is home to both the Adelaide Dental School and the Adelaide Dental Hospital. Featuring 89 top quality dental chairs, Adelaide Dental Hospital is 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, 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 over 1000 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

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.


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: adelaide.edu.au/student/finance/other-fees

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

* QS Rankings 2017
**BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY**

**SATAC CODE:** 314122

**DURATION:** 5 years full-time

**LOCATION:** North Terrace campus

**MID-YEAR ENTRY:** No

**DEFERRAL:** Yes—up to two 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

Students undertaking clinical placements in dental surgery must satisfy the following 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/study-with-us/student-support/clinical-placements
Are you a Domestic or International Applicant?

Are you:

- An Australian Citizen?
  - Yes
  - No

- An Australian Permanent Resident?
  - Yes
  - No

- A New Zealand Citizen?
  - Yes
  - No

- A Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder?
  - Yes
  - No

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You are a Domestic Applicant
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Change in immigration status during the application process

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

- If you are an international applicant and your immigration status changes prior to 28 September and you have not lodged a domestic application and/or you do not meet the additional entry requirements for domestic applicants, you cannot be considered for a domestic offer and can no longer be considered for an international offer. You will need to re-apply for domestic entry the following year in accordance with the entry policy of that year.

- If you are an international applicant and your immigration status changes after 31 October and prior to the release of international offers, you can no longer be considered for the international cohort. You 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 you obtain permanent residency (or some other immigration status that entitles you to the educational benefits of permanent residency) after 28 September and prior to the release of international offers, you will not be eligible for an international offer, and you 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 you obtain permanent residency (or some other immigration status that entitles you to the educational benefits of permanent residency) after you accept your offer and before you complete the first year of study in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery/Bachelor of Oral Health degree, you will not be able to remain in that degree.

Change in immigration status during studies

If you are an international student and you obtain Australian permanent residency (or some other immigration status that entitles you to the educational benefits of permanent residency) during the degree, you 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 are subject to availability. If a domestic place is not available, you will not be able to remain in the degree. If a domestic place is available, you must pay tuition fees for the remainder of your studies in the degree; that is, you can not automatically be transferred into a Commonwealth supported place. If you wish to be considered for a Commonwealth supported place, you 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

Ranking for offer
If you are a domestic applicant, you will be ranked for consideration of an offer based on your 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: Feedback on your performance and overall ranking will not be released by the University. Information regarding applicants and their applications 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.

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
The UMAT website explains the test in detail and sets out the procedure for registration including the fees payable, test centre procedures, and regulations.
The University of Adelaide does not endorse any commercially available UMAT preparation courses. You are encouraged to access the practice materials from ACER upon registering for UMAT.

Step 2. Sit the UMAT
Results from the UMAT will determine whether or not you receive an invitation to an interview. The University will not comment on the competitiveness of your UMAT score.
If your UMAT result does not rank you 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 your 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. ACER is 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 2018 can be used for undergraduate medicine or dentistry degrees beginning in 2019 but not 2020.

Step 3. SATAC application
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 you to list up to six degrees in order of preference. You must apply through SATAC regardless of which degree you wish to study.

Visit: satac.edu.au
SATAC code: 314122
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 2018. Interview invitations are based on your performance in the UMAT, with each of the three UMAT sections having equal weight. Approximately 250 BDS applicants will be invited to attend an interview. Only those who attend an interview will remain in consideration for an offer into the BDS degree.
On the 29th of October, all applicants will receive an email from the University of Adelaide to the email address provided in their SATAC application. This email will contain important information on how to log into the Admissions@Adelaide system to see if you have been invited to attend an interview or not. The University cannot be held responsible if an applicant’s email set-up filters the University’s email into a SPAM, Junk or other such folder – all applicants are advised to check their email settings.

More information: adelaide.edu.au/student/dates/critical
Booking an interview

Applicants that are invited to attend an interview will be able to book an interview via a link in Admissions@Adelaide system. For applicants that are invited to interview for more than one degree, specific log in details and booking calendar links will be sent for each degree e.g. Medicine and Oral Health. Applicants will be able to select an interview time from a limited number of sessions on a first come, first served basis. During this time you can cancel and reschedule. A link back to the applicable calendar may be found by logging back in to Admissions@Adelaide, or by referring to the email containing the log in details.

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

Please note: The University reserves the right to run additional interview sessions if necessary. 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. Please do not to submit these documents to the University.

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.

Where are interviews held?

All interviews for eligible domestic applicants are conducted face-to-face in Adelaide, in the Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences Building. There are no options for conducting interviews by telephone or via video conferencing (e.g. Skype), and any requests will be declined. It is your responsibility to ensure that you 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 Committee (with supporting documentation) for consideration within five days of the original interview. Please submit all rescheduling requests to fhadmissions@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 focus on your:

• Knowledge and understanding of the Profession
• Motivation to become a dentist
• Compatibility and understanding of the degree at the University of Adelaide
• Interpersonal and communication skills.

Interview structure

The duration of the BDS interview is 15 minutes and assessed by a panel of 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 from the Adelaide dental School
• Professional Staff from University of Adelaide
• Graduates of the Dental Program and Dental professionals from around SA.
• People drawn from the wider community.

You will be given the first names of the interviewers. The only information interviewers will have about you is your first name and SATAC application number, for reference purposes only.

Preparing for the interview

You 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.

You 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 your overall performance.

The University of Adelaide does not endorse any commercially available preparation courses.

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

Step 5. Prerequisite subjects

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 Mathematics 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.

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, you are not eligible to apply for entry into the later years of the degree or to apply for advanced standing. You 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, you 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 Tertiary Transfer (Higher Education) 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 you of your ATAR. The University does not release academic cut off scores from previous years.

**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/undergraduate/how-to-apply/bonus-points](http://adelaide.edu.au/study/undergraduate/how-to-apply/bonus-points), or contact askadelaide@adelaide.edu.au

**Step 7. Application outcome**

Offers to successful domestic applicants will be made by SATAC. Once you receive and accept your offer, to secure the place in the BDS degree you must enrol in all first year courses 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](http://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. You can check or change your preferences online at satac.edu.au after you have lodged your 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 28 September 2018. If you wish to change the order of your existing preferences, including Dental Surgery, you must do so by early January 2019 in order to be guaranteed equal consideration.

**Deferral of studies**

Deferment of studies for up to two years is permitted for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery. If you are offered a place in the degree and you wish to defer your studies, you must choose the ‘defer’ response (by the nominated response deadline in your SATAC offer) and follow all instructions provided by the University during this time, in order to guarantee your place in future. The University will be in contact in November 2019 to confirm your place for the following year. All communications regarding your deferred place will be via email to the email address provided in your SATAC application.

**Places available**

The BDS degree has 38 domestic places for our annual intake. Please note that strict quotas apply to the BDS degree.
I am currently studying in my final year of High School and have not studied at university.

I don't have a year 12 result and have taken the STAT.

I have finished High School and have not studied at university.

I have studied at university.

I am an Indigenous Australian

I have a rural background

Secondary school leaver applicant

Special entry (STAT) applicant

Secondary school leaver applicant

Secondary school leaver applicant

Secondary school leaver applicant

Tertiary Transfer (Higher Education) applicant

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ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY PATHWAYS
WHICH ENTRY PATHWAY IS RIGHT FOR YOU?
ENTRY PATHWAYS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants

The Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences is committed to contributing to the University’s desire to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who participate in its programs, and makes particular effort to encourage Indigenous students to participate in medical education. The BDS/BOH degree has two places allocated just for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Applicants.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants interested in pursuing a career in Dentistry should contact the Faculty Indigenous Student Support Officer for tailored application support. The Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences will provide financial support to travel and attend an interview here in Adelaide.

P: +61 831 36275
E: askhealthsc@ask.adelaide.edu.au

Yaitya Purruna Scholarship Health and Medical Scholarship

The Yaitya Purruna Health and Medical Scholarship has been established by the Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students undertaking any undergraduate program in the Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences at the University of Adelaide.

Recipients will receive up to $10,000 annually for the duration of their degree to support their study here in Adelaide.

For more information visit: scholarships.adelaide.edu.au/scholarship/ug/health/yaitya-purruna-health-and-medical-scholarship

ATS1 application process

1. You should make contact with the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Indigenous Student Support Officer to discuss your interest in applying.
2. If you wish to study the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, or the Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Bachelor of Oral Health, you 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. Optional complete and submit the Aboriginal Access Scheme application and return to Wirlu Yarlu Aboriginal Education.
5. Attend an interview
6. If successful, you will receive an offer through SATAC and a prompt to submit your application for the Yaitya Purruna Health and Medical Scholarship

Wirlu Yarlu Education Access Pathway

Wirlu Yarlu Aboriginal Education, administers the Aboriginal Access Scheme which offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians an alternative entry pathway to study at the University of Adelaide:
- 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

For more information visit: adelaide.edu.au/wirlu-yarlu
E: wirlu.yarlu@adelaide.edu.au

Wirltu Yarlu Aboriginal Education Access Pathway

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ENTRY PATHWAYS

Rural Background applicants
The BDS degree will hold two places specifically for eligible Rural applicants.

Applicants who, as of 31 December in the year prior to degree commencement, have spent at least five consecutive years, or 10 years cumulatively, in an Australian Standard Geographic Classification - Remoteness Areas (ASGC-RA) RA 2-5 area, from birth are eligible to apply under the Rural Background entry pathway. The time frame is based on the location of your primary residence. For guidance on Remoteness Area locations (RA) please visit the website below and use the search tool at Remoteness Area Location (RA): doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/Publishing.nsf/Content/locator

If you want to nominate your Rural Background, you will need to complete a Statutory Declaration form. You must submit this form to SATAC within five working days of submitting your SATAC application.

Once the Statutory Declaration form is completed, you must submit your original form directly to SATAC either in hard copy to PO Box 2, Rundle Mall, SA 5000, or upload it as part of your SATAC application.

Proof of rural origin
If you apply as a Rural Background applicant, you will be required to sign a statutory declaration as the only acceptable proof of your rural background. The University of Adelaide and the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences may audit students admitted under the rural pathway.

If you are audited, you will need to provide, within three weeks of our request, one or more of the following documents to confirm that you are of rural origin:

• A letter from a medical practitioner, dentist, lawyer, school principal, employer or other member of the rural community confirming that you lived in the rural area for at least five consecutive years or ten years cumulatively from birth. The letter should include your rural address or the town in which you resided, and the position and contact details of the author. Letters from family members will not be accepted.

• School reports or certificates that include your name and clearly identify the school.

• Invoices, lease agreements and other legal documents that confirm your rural address during the relevant period.

All documents should be original or certified copies of originals.

Higher Education 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 Higher Education entry pathway, you 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). You must also meet the prerequisite subject requirements.

Due to the highly integrated curriculum in the BDS degree at the University of Adelaide, domestic applicants are not eligible to transfer into the later years of the degree or apply for advanced standing from another university’s Dentistry or Oral Health degree. You will not receive any recognition for prior learning.

Secondary school leavers
To be considered a secondary school leaver, applicants do not have a tertiary academic record of study from a university. However, if you have enrolled in a bachelor degree in Australia and completed two years of full-time study you will be considered a Higher Education applicant. You must not have completed more than two 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 2019, 2020, 2021’, published by SATAC and available on their website: satac.edu.au

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
If you have no formal qualifications on which to base your application to a tertiary institution, you may be eligible to be considered for entry to a course by sitting the STAT. To be eligible to sit the test, you need to be over 18 as of 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.

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

To apply to take the STAT, you must select the option as part of your SATAC application to university. You will be able to pay for the test and choose your sitting time during your application.

STAT applicants are still required to sit the UMAT and gain a competitive score to be invited to an interview. The University uses your STAT result (converted to a rank) in lieu of an ATAR.

To meet the minimum academic threshold for the STAT entry pathway, you must achieve a STAT score in the top decile and must also meet the prerequisite subject requirements.
# Domestic Entry Key Dates

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SATAC will release offers from December 2018. For the set dates please visit [satac.edu.au/undergraduate](http://satac.edu.au/undergraduate)

For key university dates, please visit: [adelaide.edu.au/student/dates/critical](http://adelaide.edu.au/student/dates/critical)

# 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](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/enquiries)

**SATAC**

W: [satac.edu.au](http://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](mailto:umat@acer.edu.au)  
W: [acer.edu.au](http://acer.edu.au)

**Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences**

E: [askhealthsc@adelaide.edu.au](mailto: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

Invitations to interviews are sent out from [admissions@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:admissions@adelaide.edu.au)  
All other official communication will be sent from [fhsadmissions@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:fhsadmissions@adelaide.edu.au)  
We suggest that you add these addresses to your email account contact list to ensure you receive all communications from us.
Ranking for offer

If you are an international applicant, you will be ranked in consideration for an offer based on your performance in the three components of the admissions process:

• Interview results: first ranking level
• PQA results: second ranking level
• Academic results: meets required threshold and final ranking level (to separate applicants with equal summed Interview and PQA scores).

Please note: feedback on your performance and overall ranking will not be released by the University. Information regarding applicants and their applications 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. 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. Please do not to submit these documents to the University.

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 Apply.

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

Applications and payment must be submitted prior to 11:59pm (ACST time) Saturday 30 June, 2018. Even if you have not yet completed your current qualification, you will still be required to apply by this date.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Step 2. Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA)

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) 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 you receive an invitation to an interview.

If your PQA result does not rank you highly enough for 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 prior to 11:59pm (ACST time) on Saturday 30 June 2018. You will be refused entry to sit the PQA test if payment has not been received correctly. Payment is made via credit card. Late payments are not accepted.

You may cancel your 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:

• Malaysia - Wednesday 1 August 2018
• Adelaide - Thursday 2 August 2018
• Toronto - Thursday 2 August 2018
• Singapore - Friday 3 August 2018
• Hong Kong - TBC 2018

Please note: only results from tests taken on these dates at these locations will be
considered by the University.

For further information about the PQA, visit
the Future Student Knowledge Base, My
Adelaide: future.ask.adelaide.edu.au/app/
answers/detail/a_id/2376/kw/pqa

Step 3. Interviews

There will be one round of interviews for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree, held in late September to early October 2018. Only those who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list to be eligible for an offer into the BDS degree.

Selection for interviews

Invitations for an interview will be based on your performance in the PQA.

Interview Outcomes

On Thursday the 30th of August, all applicants will receive an email from the University of Adelaide to the email address provided in their SATAC application. This email will contain important information on how to log into the Admissions@Adelaide system to see if you have been invited to attend an interview or not. The University cannot be held responsible if an applicant’s email set-up filters the University’s email into a SPAM, Junk or other such folder – all applicants are advised to check their email settings.

Booking an interview

Applicants that are invited to interview will be able to book an interview via a link in Admissions@Adelaide system. For applicants who are invited to interview for more than one degree, specific log in details and booking calendar links will be sent for each degree e.g. Medicine and Oral Health.

Applicants will be able to select an interview time from a limited number of sessions on a first come, first served basis. During this time you can cancel and reschedule. A link back to the applicable calendar may be found by logging back in to Admissions@Adelaide, or by referring to the email containing the log in details.

Once an interview session time has been filled or the booking calendars have been closed to changes, 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.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you 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.

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.

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 Committee (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.

Where will interviews be held?

Interviews will only be conducted in the following locations:

- Adelaide—interviews conducted face-to-face only
- Toronto, Canada—interviews conducted via video conferencing
- Singapore—interviews conducted via video conferencing

Please note: Skype, MSN and Yahoo Chat requests will not be accepted.

Interview criteria

The interview comprises of a series of scenarios and questions and provides an opportunity for you to demonstrate your personal qualities. 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 your performance in the PQA.

The interview will focus on your:

- Knowledge and understanding of the Profession
- Motivation to become a dentist
- Compatibility and understanding of the degree at the University of Adelaide
- Interpersonal and communication skills.

Preparing for the interview

You 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.

You 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 your overall performance.

The University of Adelaide does not endorse any commercially available preparation courses.

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

Interview structure

The interview will be 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 the following groups:

- Academic and Clinical Staff from the Adelaide Dental School
- Professional Staff from University of Adelaide
- Graduates of the Dental Program and Dental professionals from around SA.

You will be given the first name of the interviewer. The only information the interviewer will have about you is your first name and application number, for reference purposes.
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 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. Prerequisite subjects

Two subjects: One from Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics and one from Biology, Chemistry, Geology or Physics.

You must have successfully completed the prerequisite subjects.

Prerequisite subjects are applicable to all BDS entry pathways.

Step 6. Academic score

International ATAR 90
University of Adelaide Grade Point Average 5
International Baccalaureate (IB) 33
Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) 19
United Entrance Certificate (UEC) [Malaysia] 5
General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level 12
Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) 85
ISC & CBSE [India] 90%
ISBE [India] 95%
SAT [US] 1410
Abitur 2.3
Thailand Certificate of Secondary Education 3.5
Bang Tot Nghep Trung Hoc Pho Thong 9.0
STPM or Matrikulasi 3.33
The University of Adelaide College Foundation Program 83
Eynesbury Foundation Program 412

Other qualifications

Students who don’t meet the academic requirements or who have other qualifications from the South Pacific Islands, Japan, Korea, Philippines or Taiwan may be eligible to apply for a Pre-University Pathway to prepare for or gain entry into the University’s undergraduate academic programs. For additional information visit: international.adelaide.edu.au/admissions/how-to-apply/admission-requirements

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.

Please note: for applicants applying through an agent your offer will be sent to your agent’s email address as advised in your application.

How to accept?

To accept, you must return the required acceptance payment and documents before the closing date as specified in your official offer 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 Apply.

The online application also serves as the registration to sit the PQA and you will be prompted to select a PQA test venue. Your application and payment must be submitted prior to the 30 June 2018 deadline. Even if you have not yet completed your current qualification, you will still be required to apply by this date.

Immigration status

Please see page 8.

Places available

The Bachelor of Dental Surgery has 37 International places available.
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**Student Recruitment and Admissions Services**

Call us +61 8 8313 4072

**Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences**

T: +61 8 8313 0273  
F: +61 8 8313 3788  
E: [askhealthsc@ask.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:askhealthsc@ask.adelaide.edu.au)

Invitations to interviews are sent out from [admissions@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:admissions@adelaide.edu.au).  
All other official communication will be sent from [fhsadmissions@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:fhsadmissions@adelaide.edu.au).  
We suggest that you add these addresses to your email account contact list to ensure you receive all communications from us.
ALTERNATIVE STUDY

As entry into the Bachelor of Dental Surgery 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.

Students of the Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences and the Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced) have the flexibility to select one of seven different majors spread across two different streams: Medical Health and 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 health care 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.

“I WAS FASCINATED BY HEALTH AND THE HUMAN BODY, BUT UNSURE OF WHICH FIELD OR OCCUPATION TO PURSUE. STUDYING THIS DEGREE HAS BEEN AN ENRICHING AND EXCITING EXPERIENCE AND HAS PROVIDED ME OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT AREAS WITHIN HEALTH.”

Maddison Sims
Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced)