

**AQF LEVEL** 

# AQF LEVEL 7 CRITERIA – BACHELOR DEGREE

#### PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### **PURPOSE**

The Bachelor Degree qualifies individuals who apply a broad and coherent body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake professional work and as a pathway for further learning.

## KNOWLEDGE

Graduates of a Bachelor Degree will have a broad and coherent body of knowledge, with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in one or more disciplines as a basis for independent lifelong learning.

#### Graduates of the **Bachelor of Dental Health Science** will have:

 a broad and coherent body of knowledge that underpins dental sciences theory, practice and professionalism within the field of oral health care. Equipping students with education and skills for further learning in the Master of Dentistry (second part of the full Dentistry program), and through professional practice or postgraduate studies.

#### **SKILLS**

# Graduates of a Bachelor Degree will have:

- cognitive skills to review critically, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge
- cognitive and technical skills to demonstrate a broad understanding of knowledge with depth in some areas
- cognitive and creative skills to exercise critical thinking and judgement in identifying and solving problems with intellectual independence
- communication skills to present a clear, coherent and independent exposition of knowledge and ideas

## Graduates of the Bachelor of Dental Health Science will have:

- cognitive skills to demonstrate the ability to synthesise theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on theory and its application to dentistry and oral health care.
- cognitive, technical and clinical skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise information, problems, concepts and theories and to apply established theory to different bodies of knowledge and practice in dentistry.
- technical and creative skills to design, evaluate, implement, analyse and theorise the use of techniques, materials, processes, and contemporary dentistry practices in oral health care, preparing students for the Master of Dentistry.
- an ability to independently and proficiently communicate orally and in writing; presenting in a clear, coherent manner within the organisational context, catering for a variety of audiences, including patients.

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APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Graduates of a Bachelor Degree will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- with initiative and judgement in planning, problem solving and decision making in professional practice and/or scholarship
- to adapt knowledge and skills in diverse contexts
- with responsibility and accountability for own learning and professional practice and in collaboration with others within broad parameters

Graduates of the **Bachelor of Dental Health Science** will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- with initiative and judgement in planning, problem solving and decision making in the main areas of dentistry practice and/or scholarship.
- to make independent judgements in a range of dentistry related problems and situations in professional practice.
- to adapt knowledge and skills in diverse contexts with responsibility and accountability for own learning and professional practice and in collaboration with others within broad parameters.
- to reflect on performance feedback to identify and action learning and self-improvement opportunities.

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