Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics

This National Training Package qualification will provide you with the knowledge and clinical and practical skills required for registration as a dental prosthetist in Australia.

You'll be based at the RMIT facilities at Royal Melbourne Dental Hospital in Carlton. This is the primary and leading teaching hospital for the dental profession in Victoria.

You will develop your clinical skills across a vast range of patients as you work independently to provide complete and partial denture services and mouthguards to the public. In addition, you will work collaboratively with dentists within the hospital to service patients requiring oral splints.

*Programs may change as training packages are updated.

Industry connections
Your clinical training will involve treating Dental Health Services Victoria patients at the Royal Melbourne Dental Hospital or, by arrangement, at a regional or metropolitan community health centre.

Learning and teaching
RMIT offers a variety of learning and teaching approaches including lectures, seminars, studios, workshops, presentations, group discussions and syndicate work.

You’ll have access to online resources through the myRMIT student portal.

You’ll work as part of the broader dental health team including dentists, dental specialists, dental hygienists and dental assistants.

Ongoing assessment throughout the semester includes examinations, essays, reports, oral classes, presentations, group projects, research projects, laboratory projects and practical assignments.

Career outlook
Dental prosthetists work independently and in public clinics to provide complete and partial denture services and mouthguards to the public, as well as oral splint treatment under referral from a dentist.

Professional recognition
This program is nationally recognised and endorsed as the pre-eminent qualification required for registration with the Dental Board of Australia.

RMIT has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Dental Prosthetists Association, ensuring students are closely aligned to the peak industry body throughout their training.

The University, through this program, also has extensive links with Dental Health Services Victoria both at the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne and in the metropolitan and regional community centres for the provision of clinical training.

All graduates are required to apply to AHPRA for registration. You will need to meet all of their requirements including English language proficiency to IELTS level 7.0. Full details are available from the AHPRA website ahpra.gov.au.

Program snapshot

Program code: C6157
National code: HLT65015

Duration
Part-time: 2 years

Location
Royal Melbourne Dental Hospital

How to apply
Direct to RMIT
rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct

Fees
For local fee information:
rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

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Program structure

Year 1
You'll develop a theoretical and clinical understanding of treatment planning, including:
- record keeping to hospital-grade standards
- oral pathology, charting and notation
- compliance with infection control policies and procedures.

Year 2
You'll build on your treatment planning knowledge by treating patients requiring partial dental prosthetic services including:
- periodontics
- detailed charting and notation
- referral processes.

| Research and apply evidence to practice (CHCPOL003) | Take impressions (HLTDEP003) | Perform maintenance treatment for patient with removable dental prostheses (HLTDEP007) |
| Implement an individualised oral hygiene program (HLTDEN004) | Establish and record jaw relationships and select artificial teeth (HLTDEP004) | Construct and insert an implant retained overdenture (HLTDEP008) |
| Identify, select and prepare instruments, equipment and materials (HLTDEP001) | Evaluate a removable dental prosthesis at try-in stage (HLTDEP005) | Process reusable medical devices and equipment (HLTINF002) |
| Gather data, conduct dental prosthetic examination and develop treatment plan (HLTDEP002) | Insert and issue a completed removable dental prosthesis (HLTDEP006) | Take a clinical photograph (HLTDEN014) |

Please note: This is an example of the program structure. Courses may change and may not be available each semester.

Entrance requirements

Prerequisites
You must have a Diploma of Dental Technology or equivalent.

Selection tasks
Applicants will be required to attend a pre-enrolment interview and practical skills assessment of your fine motor skill ability in order to ascertain your technical currency in the prerequisite qualification.

Candidates for this program are referred to the Dental Practice Board of Australia to confirm their eligibility for registration.

Additional information
Working With Children Check: Students must hold a valid Working With Children Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this course.

Police Check: Students must present evidence of a successful National Police Record Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

Immunisation Policy: Students must satisfy the requirements of the immunisation status declaration prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.