

2024 Bachelor of Dental Surgery

Entry Information for Domestic Applicants



This program aims to produce graduates of the highest academic standards, who will have the skills, knowledge and attitude to become competent practitioners of dentistry. Graduates will be uniquely qualified in the fields of tropical, rural/remote and Indigenous dental practice.

Overview

James Cook University's Bachelor of Dental Surgery course is a 5 year undergraduate course and is primarily for school leavers (i.e. applicants who have completed Year 12 or equivalent in the last two years). A limited number of places may be available for nonschool leavers.

This course is accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC).

Important Dates

2023	1 AUG	Application opening date for JCU Application Form
	1 AUG	Application opening date QTAC
	30 SEPT	Closing date for JCU Application Form
	30 SEPT	Closing date for QTAC Application Form
2024	11 JAN	QTAC offers released to applicants
	15 JAN	Last date to respond to QTAC January offer round, applicants must respond to QTAC and JCU
	12 FEB	Orientation Week begins
	19 FEB	JCU Academic Year begins

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How do I apply?

Please read the information below before applying for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) course at James Cook University.

JCU has a two-step application process for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery.

Steps to apply

1. Apply online via the [QTAC website](#); AND
2. Apply online directly to [JCU via the website](#).

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER APPLICANTS

The College of Medicine and Dentistry 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 dental education. It is committed to responding to their identified higher education needs. A key objective of the JCU College of Medicine and Dentistry is to graduate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dentists. As part of this commitment, JCU provides a [pathway](#) alternative to select Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants who have not met entry to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery via the [Diploma of Higher Education majoring in Dentistry](#).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants interested in pursuing a career in dentistry should contact the [Indigenous Education and Research Centre](#) for more information.

RURAL AND REMOTE RESIDENTS

The College of Medicine and Dentistry is focused on meeting the needs of Northern Australia. JCU encourages applications from prospective students from a regional, rural, remote background or who have a passion for working in these regions. JCU is committed to graduating dentists who are more likely to stay in or to return to regional, rural and remote communities where they received their training.

NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS

New Zealand Citizens need to apply as Domestic Applicant.

NEW ZEALAND PERMANENT RESIDENTS

New Zealand permanent residents need to apply as International Applicant.

RURAL ACCESS SCHEME

As a rural institution, JCU recognised the challenges faced by those studying in rural and remote areas. The College of Medicine and Dentistry are participating in the [Rural Access Scheme \(RAS\)](#) and will offer a number of rural places to students recognised as coming from a rural and remote background.



Summary of selection process

Applicants will be evaluated based on a combination of the following criteria:

- Academic performance in Year 12 studies or in subsequent tertiary studies as provided through QTAC
- Evaluation of the written component of the application form
- Rurality or Indigenous background.

In 2024, the College of Medicine and Dentistry has available approximately 90 places in the first year of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree. A limited number of places are allocated to non-Year 12 applicants.

Applicants will be selected for entry into the James Cook University Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree based on a combination of factors including their academic performance, rurality, indigenous background and demonstrated commitment to the dental profession.

INFORMATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT STUDYING YEAR 12 OR EQUIVALENT THIS YEAR.

The most recent course GPA (Grade Point Average) score will be used to rank applicants who have commenced or completed tertiary studies. While an applicant's most recent GPA is given the most weight, the applicant's entire academic profile as supplied by QTAC will be considered. An applicant's other studies/qualifications that do not generate a GPA score will not be considered.

INFORMATION FOR NEW ZEALAND APPLICANTS STUDYING NCEA THIS YEAR

New Zealand Students studying and completing the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) in 2023 are unlikely to receive their NCEA results early enough to be considered for entry to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery at JCU in 2024.

Due to the expected timing of the release of the NCEA results, students currently studying and completing the NCEA are encouraged to apply to JCU in 2024 for the 2025 entry intake for Bachelor of Dental Surgery.

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Successful applicants for a place in the BDS degree

Offers of a place in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree are made by QTAC. QTAC will make an offer for the highest preference for which you qualify.

Successful applicants are required to follow the QTAC procedure for acceptance of a place in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree.

Applicants who have been offered a place and who are seeking credit for previous study will need to submit the online [Application for Credit](#).

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

JCU receives approximately 2000 applications for the Bachelor of Dentistry each year, resulting with a number of applicants being unsuccessful each intake.

An applicant who has been unsuccessful in obtaining a place in the James Cook University Bachelor of Dental Surgery, but who is strongly motivated towards a career in the dental surgery field, might consider undertaking a bachelor degree in medical laboratory science, biomedical science or a science degree.

Unsuccessful applicants considering undertaking studies in one of the above degrees with a view to eventual acceptance into the dental surgery degree should be aware that the number of places available for non-school leaver entry into the James Cook University Bachelor of Dental Surgery is very limited.

It would be inappropriate and unwise for an unsuccessful applicant to see that eventual outcome as anything other than a possibility.

Request for Feedback

With an annual average of 4000 applications to the Dentistry course, JCU is not able to provide individuals with information or feedback about their application. This includes information or feedback about their written application form.

Applicants who have been unsuccessful in obtaining a place in the JCU Dentistry course may choose to appeal the outcome of the application provided they have legitimate grounds. To appeal the decision you must lodge your request for a [Formal Review](#) within the strict timeline as outlined in the [Student Review and Appeals Policy](#).



Pre-requisites

For entry into James Cook University's Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree, applicants must have successfully completed Year 12 English (Units 3/4, C), Mathematical Methods (Units 3/4, C) and Chemistry (Units 3/4, C) or interstate or overseas equivalent. The study of Physics and Biology is highly desirable.

For international equivalents contact Admissions via e-mail: admissions@jcu.edu.au

If you are unsure of the Australian pre-requisite requirement please contact the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) at the website address: www.qtac.edu.au.

Inherent Requirements and Reasonable Adjustments

Inherent requirements are the fundamental abilities, attributes, skills and behaviors needed to successfully complete the course. Find your course requirements under [Inherent Requirements](#).

This course may have specific admission requirements such as immunisation, the requirement to obtain a Suitability to work with Children Card, National Criminal History Check and/or other requirements that Students must comply with. Students must complete all Professional Experience Placement requirements by the prescribed deadlines and maintain currency of all requirements in order to stay admitted to the course.

Professional Experience Placement

Students Professional Experience Placement is a formal component of this course and prepares you for registration and/or accreditation as a professional in your field. Visit [Preparing for Professional Experience Placement](#) for more information.

Vaccinations

Students must provide evidence of being immune to Hepatitis B, and that they have been vaccinated or evidence that they are not susceptible to the vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR); Varicella and Pertussis.

Professional Experience Placement is a requirement of this course and students may be engaged in roles where there is contact that would allow transmission of a VPD. Students are required to comply with the above requirement prior to commencing their first Professional Experience Placement or by the end of the first Teaching Period of their studies (or whichever is sooner), otherwise their enrolment will be terminated.

The College of Medicine and Dentistry recommends additional vaccinations and students will receive information regarding these vaccinations at the commencement of their first year. Information on the pre-placement requirements for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery can be found at [Preparing for Professional Experience Placement](#).

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Working with Children

Queensland law contains provisions designed to ensure that persons who are to work with children and young people are first assessed on their known past police and disciplinary information. The **Working with Children Check** is a screening process that assesses your suitability to work with children and young people. A person whose application is approved will be issued with a Blue Card.

Because the requirements for completion of the James Cook University Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree includes conditions for students to undertake placements and because a student will undertake one or more placements which involve coming into contact with young people, initial enrolment and continuing enrolment in the dental surgery course are conditional upon the following:

- I. Eligibility of the student for a Blue Card at the time of first enrolment;
- II. Maintenance of that eligibility throughout the duration of the degree; and
- III. Actual acquisition of a Blue Card prior to commencement of placement.

In the event that a student becomes ineligible for a Blue Card, at any time between the date of first enrolment and the date of completion of the course, the student's enrolment in the course will be terminated. Therefore, persons who have reason to believe that they might have difficulty in obtaining a Blue Card should clarify their position in that regard before deciding to apply for enrolment in the dental surgery course.

A person who will or may not be able to obtain a Blue Card should not make application for enrolment in the course.

Before completing the application form, please read the Course and Subject Handbook for this course, together with other course-specific information published by JCU in relation to the application process, which may specify additional criteria to be considered in ranking applicants in order of merit. If the number of applications exceeds a quota or other limit on the places made available for the course, the information provided by you in this form and any other information obtained by JCU in the application process may be used to rank applicants in order of merit by reference to those additional criteria.

Contact details

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JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY HANDBOOK

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