

Bachelor of Dental Surgery

INFORMATION FOR 2020 ENTRY

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 non-school leavers.

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

Submissions

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

The Application Form for selection into the James Cook University degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery is to be returned:

By Post

Division of Tropical Health and Medicine
PO Box 864, Aitkenvale Business Centre
QLD 4814 Australia

In Person

Student Centre
Education Central Building 134
Townsville Campus QLD 4811 Australia

The application closing date is **30 September, 2019**. Applications postmarked¹ after this date will NOT be accepted.

Important dates: 2020 entry

2 August 2019	Application opening date for JCU Application Form
2 August 2019	Application opening date QTAC
30 September 2019	Closing date for JCU Application Form
30 September 2019	Closing date for QTC Application
15 January 2020	QTAC offers released to applicants
21 January 2020	Last date to respond to QTAC January offer round, applicants must respond to QTAC
14 February 2020	Orientation Week begins
24 February 2020	JCU Academic Year begins

How do I apply?

The Dental Surgery application process has two distinct stages. You will need to submit an application directly to James Cook University (by filling in the application form) AND apply online through QTAC.

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.

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

Email: ierc@jcu.edu.au

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.

Summary of selection process

Applicants will be evaluated based on 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

In 2020, the College of Medicine and Dentistry has available approximately 80 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 their application and their academic results.

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 complete academic profile as supplied by QTAC may be considered. An applicant's other studies/qualifications that do not generate a GPA score will not be considered.

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.

Unsuccessful applicants

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 one of the other health or biomedical science degrees offered at JCU.

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.





Pre-requisites

For entry into James Cook University's Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree, applicants must have successfully completed four semesters at Year 12 level and achieved an exit level of at least Sound Achievement in English, Mathematics B and Chemistry or interstate or overseas equivalent. The study of Physics and Biology is highly desirable.

For international equivalents contact James Cook International via e-mail: internationaladmissions@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**.

Professional Experience Placement

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.

This course has other specific admission requirements such as the requirement to obtain a Suitability to Work with Children Card, National Criminal History Check and other requirements that Students must comply with for the duration of their course. 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.

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.

Students will receive information regarding all pre-placement requirements 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**.

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. A person whose application is approved by the **Queensland Government Blue Card Services** will be issued with a Blue Card.

The requirements for completion of the James Cook University Bachelor of Dental Surgery includes conditions under which students participate in clinical placements. As a student will undertake one or more placements which involve coming into contact with young people, initial enrolment and continuing enrolment in the dentistry degree 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 degree, the student's enrolment in the degree 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.

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

Contact details

Student Centre

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Phone: Student Centre Cairns – 07 4232 1000
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www.jcu.edu.au

College of Medicine and Dentistry

www.jcu.edu.au/cmd

Indigenous Education and Research Centre

Email: ierc@jcu.edu.au
www.jcu.edu.au/ierc

James Cook University Handbook

www.jcu.edu.au/handbooks

James Cook University Accommodation

www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation

James Cook University Scholarships

www.jcu.edu.au/scholarships-@-jcu

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)

www.qtac.edu.au