



# Bachelor of Dental Surgery

## 2026 Entry Information for International Applicants

**James Cook University's Bachelor of Dental Surgery is a five-year undergraduate program located in Cairns. This degree provides students with the knowledge and skills for a rewarding career in dentistry where they have the experience to make an impact.**

### Important dates

**1 MARCH 2025** Opening date for international student applications for 2026 entry.

**31 AUGUST 2025** Closing date for international student applications and supporting documents for 2026 entry. Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.

**31 AUGUST 2025, 11.59 PM (AEST)** Prediction of Academic Achievement form to be received by International Admissions.

**23 FEBRUARY 2026** JCU Academic Year begins.

### Overview

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

Students develop practical work skills in JCU's world-class dental teaching complex, with a state-of-the-art clinical simulation laboratory, and benefit from over 2,000 hours of clinical practice in a range of settings from rural and remote communities to city areas.

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

## Submissions

The Written JCU International Application Form must be submitted along with all other required documents on or prior to the closing date through a [JCU Agent](#) or [online directly to JCU](#).

Applicants who apply via a JCU Agent are recommended to submit their completed application to their nominated agent at least one week prior to the deadline. The application closing date is 31 August 2025. Applications received after this date will NOT be accepted.

## Selection process

In 2026, JCU has approximately 18 places available in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery course for international applicants. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following elements:

- Academic performance in Year 12 studies and/or in tertiary studies
- Evaluation of the Written JCU International Application Form

Important: JCU does not use the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) or Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) as part of this selection process.

### APPLICANTS IN YEAR 12 OR EQUIVALENT IN 2025

Please provide official copies of your Year 12 certificate or equivalent.

Your School Principal/Vice-Principal/Guidance Officer or Director of Studies must complete a [Prediction of Academic Achievement](#) form for you and email to JCU at [internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au](mailto:internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au) by 11.59 pm (AEST) on 31 August 2025.

### APPLICANTS WHO COMPLETED YEAR 12 PRIOR TO 2025

Please provide official copies of your Year 12 certificate or equivalent. If you have also commenced or completed tertiary studies, please also include a certified copy of your academic record to date.

Your most recent grade point average (GPA) score will be given the most weight to assess your application, however your entire academic record will be considered when determining offers for places. Study or qualifications that do not generate a GPA score will not be considered, including study below AQF level 7 bachelor level or equivalent.

For 2025, a GPA of 5.75 on a 7 point scale was required to be considered for an offer but does not guarantee an offer of a place in the program.

### UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Applicants who are unsuccessful will be notified.

The number of places available to study Bachelor of Dental Surgery at JCU is limited. If your application for this course is not successful in this latest intake, you may like to consider studying a Bachelor degree in Biomedical Sciences or Science. Strong academic performance may provide an opportunity for you to request into Dental Surgery, however this cannot be guaranteed.

### REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

With an annual average of 350 applications to study dentistry, JCU is not able to provide individuals with information or feedback about their application. This includes information relating to an individual's application form or written application.

Applicants who have been unsuccessful in obtaining a place in this course may choose to appeal the decision through a [Formal Review](#) within the timelines set in the [Student Review and Appeals Policy](#).



## English language requirements

Some studies completed in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, UK or USA may meet the English Proficiency requirement.

For details, please email [jcuinternational@jcu.edu.au](mailto:jcuinternational@jcu.edu.au).

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST MINIMUM SCORES

IELTS (academic module) with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in three of the components and 6.5 in one component (listening, reading, writing and speaking) in one sitting.

or PTE Academic with a minimum overall score of 65 and a minimum score of 65 in three of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) and 58 in one component.

or TOEFL (internet based) with a minimum total score of 94 (23 in speaking, 24 in listening and reading and 27 in writing).

Near the end of their studies, international JCU Dentistry students may be required, at their own cost, to complete an English test for the purposes of registration with the Dental Board of Australia. More information regarding registration can be found on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website at [ahpra.gov.au](http://ahpra.gov.au).



## Required subjects

Students must have completed:

- English (3/4,C)
- Mathematical Methods (Units 3/4,C)
- Chemistry (Units 3/4,C).

JCU also recommends students complete:

- Biology (3/4,C).

For international equivalents email [jcuiinternational@jcu.edu.au](mailto:jcuiinternational@jcu.edu.au).

## Inherent requirements and adjustments

Inherent requirements are the fundamental abilities, attributes, skills and behaviours needed to successfully complete the course. Review the [Bachelor of Dental Surgery Inherent Requirements](#).

## International student visas

Applicants are advised to check visa requirements and processing times with the Australian Government [Department of Home Affairs](#).

## 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.

Students must meet all requirements for placements by the deadlines specified and maintain currency of all requirements to remain enrolled in this course.

For details visit [Preparing for Professional Experience Placement](#).

## Vaccinations

Students must provide evidence of being immune to hepatitis B and that they have been vaccinated or evidence that they are not susceptible for the vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) of measles, mumps and rubella, 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.

JCU recommends additional vaccinations and students will receive information regarding these vaccinations at the commencement of their first year.

## 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 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.

Requirements for course completion include conditions for students to undertake placements, which involve coming into contact with young people. Initial enrolment and continuing enrolment in this 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 course; 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 may 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 this course.

## Federal police check

All students are required to obtain an Australian Federal Police National Criminal History Check. International students are also required to complete a Commonwealth Statutory Declaration, which can be done once in Australia.

## Contact details

### ENQUIRIES

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