

# Dental Surgery Career Snapshot



## Graduate Opportunities

Dental Surgery graduates typically work as dentists in private practices, large corporate dental chains, public hospitals and community health centres. There are also opportunities to practice dentistry or related work in the **defence force, academic/research institutions, medical sales companies, global health charities, NGOs and education.** Some specialisms include:

- Orthodontics (teeth straightening)
- Periodontics (gum health)
- Endodontics (root canals)
- Prosthodontics (complex tooth replacements)
- Child Dentistry
- Oral Surgery
- Public Health Dentistry
- Oral Pathology
- Special Needs Dentistry

**Look at:** [Explore Specialist Registration](#)

## Professional Registration

The JCU Bachelor of Dental Surgery is accredited by the [Australian Dental Council \(ADC\)](#).

Graduates are eligible for professional registration with dental boards in Australia and New Zealand and are able to enter dental practice.

Students enrolled in the degree are registered with the [Dental Board of Australia](#) through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) for the duration of their study or until they are no longer enrolled.

Dental Surgery students are strongly recommended to be knowledgeable of the requirements for registration with the profession.

## Professional Associations

The [Australian Dental Association](#) is the peak national body for dental professionals in Australia. It is free to join the ADA while you are a student at university.

[Student membership](#) is an ideal way to **gain valuable insight into your future profession, explore opportunities, demonstrate interest and meet people in your field** who can support you in developing your career.

Student members have full access to all resources the ADA offer, including the CPD Portal, Australian Dental Journal, Dental Graduate Handbook and a selection of clinical resources, plus reduced rates for attendance at the Australian Dental Congress.

Also join the [JCU Dental Student Association](#) to demonstrate commitment and network with fellow dental students.

## Job Opportunities

You may find internship, trainee and job opportunities in some of the following settings:

- [Dentist Job Search](#)
- [Dentist Jobs Australia](#)
- [Australian Army](#)
- [Queensland Health](#)
- [NSW Health](#)
- [Northern Territory Dept. of Health](#)
- [WA Department of Health](#)
- [Victoria Department of Health](#)

## Recommended Skills

**Written and Verbal Communication;** Observation; **Critical Appraisal;** Logical Reasoning; **Attention to Detail;** Administration and Management; **Research;** Time Management; **Teamwork;** Organising and Planning

## JCU Careers Support

The JCU Careers and Employability Team are here to support you during your studies and after you graduate:

- [JCU Careers Website](#)
- [CareerHub \(Book Careers Appointments Here\)](#)