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Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene)

How many places are available?

Twenty places are available each year.

Are there any prerequisite subjects?

There are no formal prerequisites for the Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) but, as it is a science based course, it is assumed that students will have studied chemistry or biology at Year 12 level. If you have not studied chemistry in Year 12 and are accepted into the course, it is strongly recommended that you undertake a STUDY LINK course before commencing.

What ATAR/ENTER score do I need to get in?

Entry to the course is competitive and an ATAR of at least 70, or Pass level GPA is required.

What if I have not done Year 12?

If you have not completed Year 12 in the past 10 years or have not completed at least one full year of study at university, you may not be eligible for selection into the course. Please contact CSU to ascertain your eligibility or other pathways to entry.

How many contact hours are involved?

You will attend lectures, tutorials and practical classes for up to 30 hours per week depending on the year of study.

Can the course be studied part-time?

No. The Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) can only be studied full-time at the Wagga Wagga Campus.

How much clinical time is involved and where is it conducted?

Clinical activities will be incorporated in each year of the course, starting with a few hours related to your subject content in first year. These will build throughout the course, and culminate in extensive clinical rotations in your second and third years. You will undertake your placements primarily within the University's new dental clinics, and also within selected state health facilities and private practitioner facilities.

Will I be required to undertake clinical education in different clinics?

Yes. You may be required to spend varying amounts of time in any of the School's five clinical settings in Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo, Orange or Wagga Wagga campuses. The placement will depend on the year of study that you are undertaking. The University will assist in facilitating your accommodation during extended clinical blocks wherever possible.

How important are manual skills to oral health practice?

Manual dexterity is extremely important to oral health practice. In addition, artistic aptitude will be useful.

If I am offered a place in CSU's Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene), can I defer?

Yes. You may defer for 12 months.

If I am not accepted into CSU's Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene), what should I do?

First, you should make sure that oral health therapy is the profession you really want to pursue and seek career planning advice. If you have no Year 12 qualification or your ATAR was not high enough, you should concentrate on qualifying for admission to the Bachelor of Clinical Science or another relevant university course with a view to reapplying for the Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) in the future.

If I am not accepted into CSU's Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene), can you recommend another suitable university course?

You should choose a course that you think you will enjoy and do well in.

It should also be a course you will be happy to stay in, should your future applications to CSU's Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) be unsuccessful.

Can I apply to study on a full-fee paying basis?

No. All places in this course are Commonwealth supported.

How much does it cost?

You can only study CSU's Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) as a Commonwealth supported student and will be liable to pay the student contribution (HECS-HELP).

There are several costs associated with this course, in addition to tuition fees.

You are advised to purchase your own set of dental instruments at the commencement of your course. This will allow you to become familiar with your own personal instruments and to enhance your skill-base.

In addition you will need to buy books - most subjects have prescribed textbooks, and often students purchase additional books to help with their studies. Scientific texts typically cost between \$100 and \$150 each, however second-hand books are often available.

As part of the course, students are required to travel to clinics at the various campuses. Protective clothing (laboratory coat, protective glasses, scrubs and /or clinical coat) are also required from the first or second week of the course.

I am not an Australian resident. Can I apply?

No, not at this time.

For more information on this course, please visit the online course brochure:

www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/oral_health

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