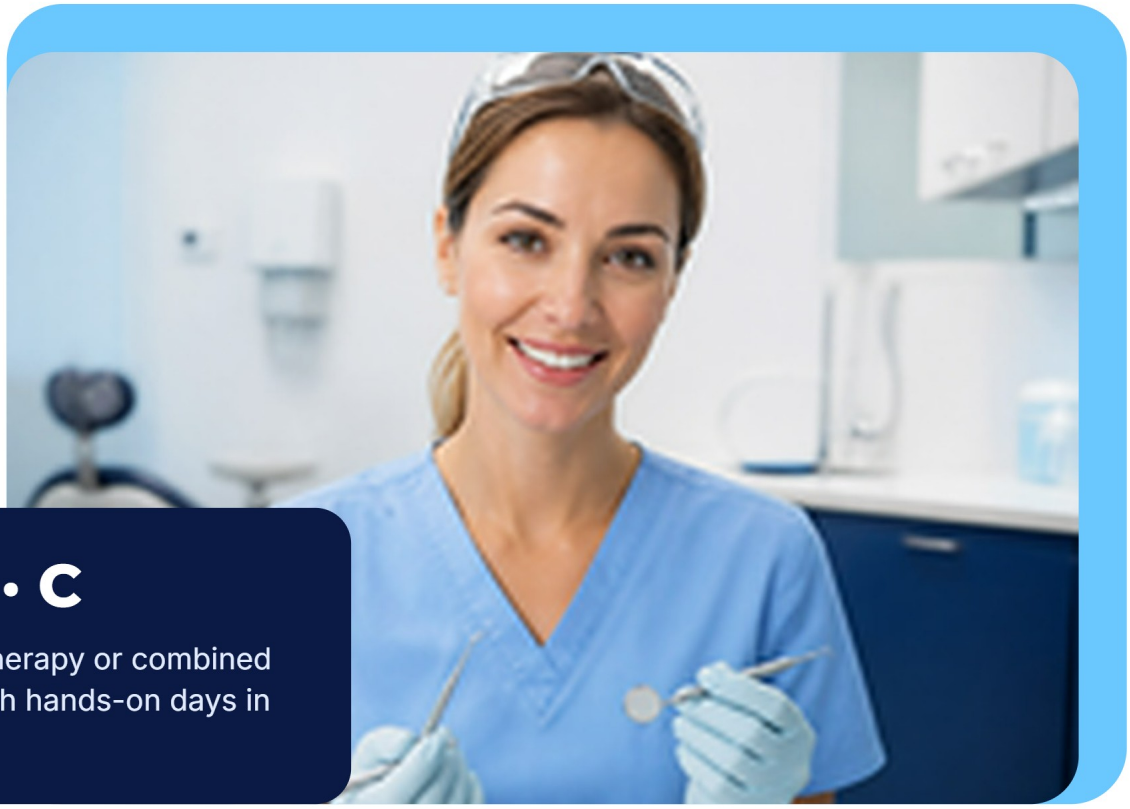
OBA NURSING ACADEMY

2026–27

PROGRAM BROCHURE

OBA Oral Health Registration Pathway

Bridging and exam preparation for internationally qualified dental hygienists, dental therapists and oral health therapists taking the Australian Dental Council (ADC) pathway.



H · T · C

Hygiene, therapy or combined stream, with hands-on days in Brisbane

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For dental hygienists, dental therapists and oral health therapists only
Program code OBA-OHRP-2026

01 · YOUR PATHWAY

From overseas oral health practitioner to registered in Australia

If the Dental Board of Australia does not recognise your qualification, you complete the Australian Dental Council (ADC) assessment process before you can apply for registration. OBA prepares you for every ADC stage.

1

ADC Initial Assessment

OBA module M00

The ADC checks your qualification, transcript and syllabus to decide if you can sit the written exam. OBA helps you build a complete document pack; you lodge it yourself in ADC Connect.

2

ADC Written Examination

OBA Stage 1

Scenario-based single-best-answer questions on paper: 100 questions for dental hygiene or dental therapy, 130 for the combined exam. Held in Melbourne, with international hubs subject to availability.

3

ADC Practical Examination

OBA Stages 2, 3 and 4

At the ADC centre in Melbourne: one day for dental hygiene or dental therapy, two days for the combined exam. Consultation tasks, technical tasks and a 260-minute simulation clinic on manikins. Pass within 5 years of passing the written exam.

4

ADC Certificate

Passing the ADC process makes you eligible to apply to the Dental Board of Australia for registration in your division.

5

Registration through Ahpra

Explained in OBA module M11

You apply to the Dental Board of Australia through Ahpra and must meet all registration standards, including English language skills (see page 3).

Check first: you may not need the ADC exams

- **Recognised qualification:** some hygiene, therapy and oral health qualifications from the UK, Ireland and New Zealand are recognised by the Dental Board for general registration.
- **Registered in New Zealand:** you may apply under Trans-Tasman mutual recognition.
- **No fast-track route** exists for these divisions. Qualifications from India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Nigeria, the Philippines and the Gulf states use the ADC pathway.

Check your qualification at dentalboard.gov.au before you enrol.

02 · ELIGIBILITY

Can you enrol?

To enrol in the OBA program you need

✓ A qualification in **dental hygiene, dental therapy or oral health therapy** (at least 2 years full-time study; 3 years for dual or oral health therapy qualifications)

✓ An **ADC initial assessment** in the dental hygiene and dental therapy stream, or proof you have applied for one

✓ A computer with a current web browser and a stable internet connection

✓ Already passed the ADC written exam? You can start at Stage 2 with proof of your pass

Choose your stream: H dental hygiene, T dental therapy, or C combined (oral health therapists and dual-qualified). Not for dentists (see the OBA Dental Registration Pathway), dental prosthetists or dental assistants. There is no English test to enter the program, but all teaching and assessment is in English.

To register with the Dental Board of Australia you must meet the English language standard

Minimum scores for tests taken on or after 23 April 2026:

Test	Overall	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
IELTS Academic	7	7	7	6.5	7
OET	–	350	360	350	360
PTE Academic	63	58	59	60	76
TOEFL iBT	91	22	22	23	24

Results are generally valid for 2 years before you apply. One sitting, or up to two sittings within 12 months from the same provider, are accepted. The ADC does not require an English test; the Dental Board does, when you apply for registration.

Other registration standards you must meet

Criminal history
Declared and checked when you apply

Professional indemnity insurance
Required before you practise

Recency of practice
Meet the Board's recency standard

Continuing professional development
Ongoing once you are registered

Requirements as published by Ahpra, the Dental Board of Australia and the ADC at October 2026. They can change: check the current requirements at ahpra.gov.au, dentalboard.gov.au and adc.org.au before you apply.

03 · THE PROGRAM

Five stages, built around the ADC exams

About 235 hours of study (about 260 for the combined stream). Online stages are self-paced, open as soon as you enrol, and have no intake dates.

Start · Orientation and ADC initial assessment (M00) — Online

How the ADC pathway works, choosing your stream, a diagnostic test, your study plan, and help to build a complete initial assessment document pack.

Stage 1 · ADC Written Exam Preparation — Online

Stream-specific study for the 100-question (hygiene or therapy) or 130-question (combined) paper, with practice questions and full mock exams.

Stage 2 · Practical Exam Theory — Online

Consultation tasks, technical tasks and the 260-minute simulation clinic, step by step. Ends with a pre-lab gate you must pass before Brisbane.

Stage 3 · Clinical Skills Block, Brisbane — Face to face · 5 days per stream

Hands-on practice and full mock exams on manikins and typodonts with supervising oral health practitioners. Details on page 5.

Stage 4 · Final Readiness — Online

A final revision plan built from your Readiness Report, and module M11: from ADC Certificate to registration and starting work in Australia.

04 · CLINICAL SKILLS BLOCK

Hands-on days in Brisbane

At OBA's Brisbane campus, 08:00 to 17:00, with supervising oral health practitioners who hold Dental Board general registration. All work is on manikins, typodonts and phantoms.

Dental hygiene · 5 days

Day 1
Infection control, positioning; periodontal examination and charting

Day 2
Hand scaling: anterior, molar and premolar blocks

Day 3
Ultrasonic; fissure sealant and temporary glass-ionomer; local anaesthesia technique and radiograph positioning

Day 4
Full simulation clinic mock (260 minutes)

Day 5
Technical task mock, written-case circuit and your Readiness Report

Dental therapy · 5 days

Day 1
Infection control, positioning; comprehensive examination; dental dam

Day 2
Child models: caries removal and stainless steel crowns

Day 3
Adult models: caries removal and composite restorations; local anaesthesia technique and radiograph positioning

Day 4
Full simulation clinic mock (260 minutes)

Day 5
Technical task mock, written-case circuit and your Readiness Report

Before you come

- Pass the pre-lab gate at the end of Stage 2
- Arrange your visa, travel and accommodation
- Combined-stream candidates: we confirm your days with you

Safe practice rules

- Manikins, typodonts and phantoms only
- Local anaesthesia is technique only, on models
- No patients, injections, medicines or X-ray exposure

05 · FEES AND COSTS

What the full pathway costs

All amounts in Australian dollars. Third-party fees are paid directly to that organisation, not to OBA.

OBA program fees

OBA program fees for each stage and for the Brisbane Clinical Skills Block are available on request. Email **info@obana.com.au** with your stream (hygiene, therapy or combined) and your starting stage, and we will send you the current fee schedule.

Third-party fees you pay directly

ADC · Initial assessment	**$647**
ADC · Written examination	**$1,432**
ADC · Practical examination	**$3,342**
Dental Board / Ahpra · Registration application	**$199**
Dental Board / Ahpra · General registration (annual; NSW $254)	**$267**
Third-party subtotal (first attempt)	**$5,887**
English test (IELTS, OET, PTE or TOEFL)	**Set by provider**
Visas, travel to Brisbane and Melbourne, accommodation	**Your own cost**

Third-party fees as published by the ADC and the Dental Board of Australia (registration fees effective 1 October 2026; dental hygienist, dental therapist and oral health therapist rates). They can change: check adc.org.au and dentalboard.gov.au. Review, appeal, renewal and re-sit costs are extra.

06 · IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read before you enrol

Visas and migration

• **OBA does not give migration or visa advice.** Please speak to a registered migration agent about any visa, including for travel to Brisbane and Melbourne and for work in Australia.

• Visitor visa holders may generally study for up to 3 months. They study only and must not work or provide services.

Your title in Australia

Until you are registered you are an "ADC candidate". You must not use the title dental hygienist, dental therapist or oral health therapist in any way that suggests you are registered in Australia.

No patient treatment

You do not treat any person in this program. All practical work is on manikins and typodonts. No injections, medicines or X-ray exposure.

Privacy

Your reports are private. OBA shares them with an agent or employer only with your written consent.

Complaints and appeals

Email info@obana.com.au. We acknowledge within 2 business days. Appeals about ADC results go to the ADC.

Disclaimers

• This is a **non-accredited professional development program**. It is not a Dental Board of Australia approved program of study and is not delivered by a registered training organisation.

• It leads to an OBA statement of completion, not a qualification, and **does not by itself lead to registration**.

• OBA is **not affiliated with or endorsed by the Australian Dental Council**. The ADC does not endorse any preparation course.

• **Passing the ADC examinations is not guaranteed.** OBA scores and Readiness Reports are training estimates and do not predict an ADC result.

• OBA does not deliver English language tuition and does not place candidates in employment.

• Third-party fees and requirements are set by the ADC, Ahpra, the Dental Board of Australia and test providers, and can change without notice.

07 · HOW TO ENROL

Ready to start?

1. **Check your qualification**
   Confirm on dentalboard.gov.au that the ADC pathway is right for you.

2. **Apply for your ADC initial assessment**
   Through ADC Connect at adc.org.au, if you have not already. OBA module M00 helps you prepare the documents.

3. **Contact OBA**
   Send us your qualification, your stream and your ADC reference. We confirm your starting stage and send the fee schedule.

4. **Enrol and begin**
   Complete enrolment and payment with OBA. Online access opens straight away.

Contact us

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