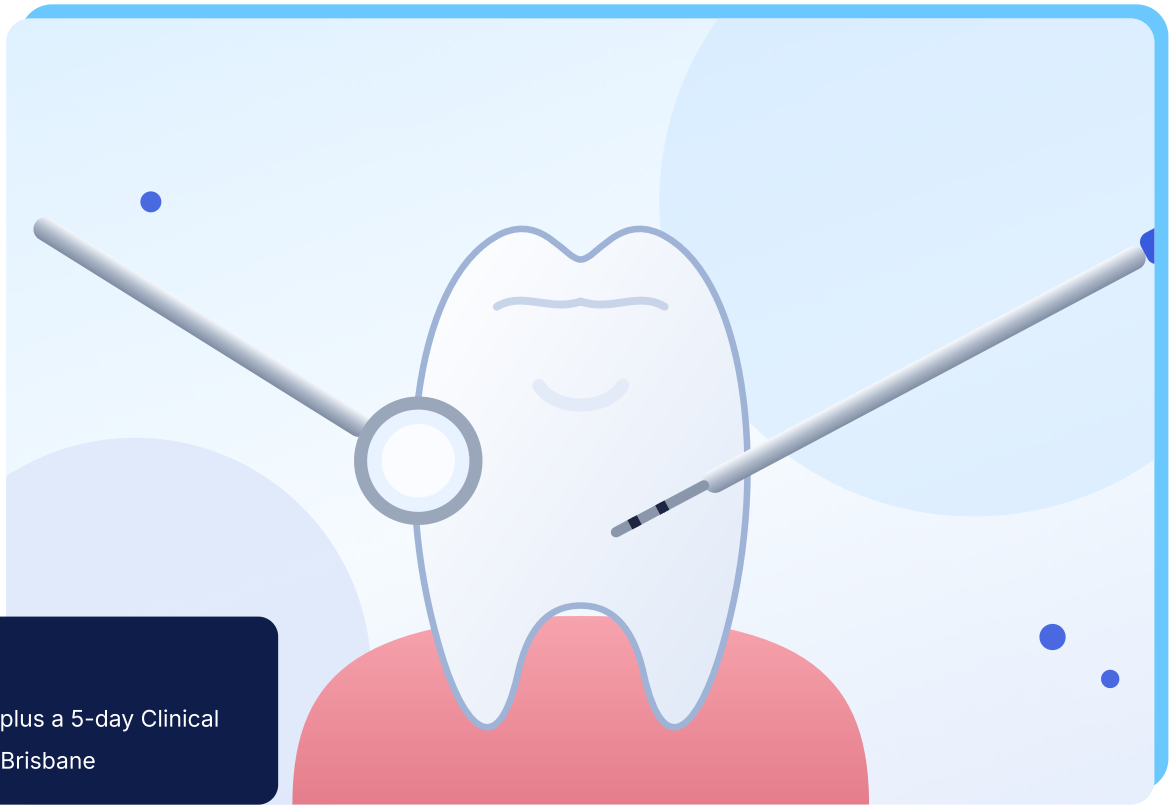
OBA NURSING ACADEMY

2026–27

PROGRAM BROCHURE

OBA Dental Assistant Pathway

Bridging and workplace preparation for internationally qualified dental assistants: ADC skills assessment readiness and practice-ready skills for Australian dental clinics.



9 + 1

weeks online, plus a 5-day Clinical Skills Week in Brisbane

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For internationally qualified dental assistants only
Program code OBA-DAP-2026

01 · YOUR PATHWAY

From overseas dental assistant to working in Australia

Dental assistants are **not registered** by Ahpra or the Dental Board of Australia. There is no registration exam. You work under the direction of a registered dental practitioner, and your employer, state rules and (if you migrate) your visa set what you need.

1 **ADC skills assessment (DAMA only)** OBA module M00

If you plan to migrate under a Designated Area Migration Agreement with a sponsoring dental clinic in an approved region, the Australian Dental Council assesses your skills. OBA helps you prepare a complete document pack; you lodge it yourself in ADC Connect.

2 **Australian dental assisting skills** OBA Stage 1

Eight online modules aligned to the Australian Certificate III in Dental Assisting units: infection control, sterilising, chairside assisting, materials, radiography assisting, emergencies, records and patient communication.

3 **Hands-on practice** OBA Stage 2

Five days at OBA's Brisbane campus on manikins and typodonts, ending with a practical mock and your Readiness Report.

4 **Starting work** OBA module M09

Employer requirements (immunisation, working with children checks, first aid), state radiation use licences, the award, and further accredited study.

The six DAMA regions the ADC lists

Far North Queensland · The Goldfields WA · Great South Coast VIC · East Kimberley WA · Pilbara WA · Townsville QLD

Each region's occupation list and conditions are set by its designated area representative and can change. OBA does not give migration advice: speak to a registered migration agent.

02 · ELIGIBILITY

Can you enrol?

To enrol in the OBA program you need

✓ Training or work experience as a **dental assistant** outside Australia

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

✓ Enough English to study online: all teaching and assessment is in English

Not for dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists or oral health therapists: see the OBA Dental Registration Pathway and the OBA Oral Health Registration Pathway.

What the ADC skills assessment asks for

Identity
Current passport, passport photo, legal evidence of any name change

Qualification
Your dental assistant qualification and transcript, if available

Work history
Evidence of your work as a dental assistant

Employer
A labour agreement with an Australian dental clinic willing to sponsor or support your visa

References
Two written professional references

Translations
Full certified translations of documents not in English

The ADC does not publish a minimum qualification, experience or English requirement for dental assistants; check adc.org.au before you apply. Some DAMA regions and many employers expect a Certificate III in Dental Assisting or equivalent.

Employers commonly require

Immunisation
Hepatitis B and other vaccines recommended for healthcare workers

Radiation use licence
Only if you will take radiographs; set by each state

Requirements as published by the ADC, the Dental Board of Australia and state health departments at October 2026. They can change: check the current requirements before you apply.

03 · THE PROGRAM

Three stages, built around the Australian workplace

About 175 hours of study. Online stages are self-paced, open as soon as you enrol, and have no intake dates.

Start here · M00: dental assisting in Australia, the ADC skills assessment and DAMA, building your document pack, and how the program works.

Stage 1 · Australian Dental Assisting

Online · 8 weeks

M01 The Australian dental practice: team, scope, law and communication
M02 Infection prevention and control
M03 Reprocessing reusable devices and sterilisation
M04 Chairside assisting: surgery set-up, four-handed dentistry, moisture control
M05 Dental materials and assisting with procedures
M06 Assisting with dental radiography and radiation protection
M07 Medical emergencies, first aid and work health and safety
M08 Administration, records, patient communication and oral hygiene instruction
G1 Pre-lab gate: must be passed before Brisbane

Stage 2 · Clinical Skills Week, Brisbane

Face to face · 5 days

Hands-on practice on manikins and typodonts, supervised by a registered dental practitioner. Details on page 5.

Stage 3 · Starting Work in Australia

Online · 1 week

M09 Employer requirements, radiation licensing, the award, further study and your first weeks

04 · CLINICAL SKILLS WEEK

Five hands-on days in Brisbane

At OBA's Brisbane campus, 08:00 to 17:00, supervised by a registered dental practitioner. All work is on manikins, typodonts and phantoms.

Day 1	Infection control routine, hand hygiene, PPE and zoning; surgery set-up and shut-down; the reprocessing cycle
Day 2	Four-handed dentistry: positioning, instrument transfer, suction and moisture control, assisting with dental dam
Day 3	Mixing and handling materials; impressions on a typodont; local anaesthetic syringe preparation with an empty training cartridge
Day 4	Radiography assisting and positioning on a phantom (no X-rays); charting from dictation; medical emergency drills
Day 5	Practical mock station circuit, then your Readiness Report and a one-to-one review

Before you come

- Pass the G1 pre-lab gate
- Arrange your visa, travel and accommodation
- Bring protective eyewear and a printed Clinical Skills Book

How the week runs

- Small groups; dates confirmed by OBA before you book
- No patients, injections, medicines or X-ray exposure
- You never perform a restricted dental act

Support for the whole program

15
interactive simulators with realistic equipment, 20+ scenarios each

10
self-paced modules with self-marked knowledge checks

1
Readiness Report from your Brisbane week

05 · FEES AND COSTS

What the 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 the online stages and the Brisbane Clinical Skills Week are available on request. Email **info@obana.com.au** and we will send you the current fee schedule.

Third-party fees you pay directly

ADC · Dental assistant skills assessment (DAMA only)	**$647**
ADC · Work history reassessment (if needed)	**$265**
ADC · Appeal against the assessment outcome (if needed)	**$647**
State radiation use licence (only if you will take radiographs)	Set by the state
Accredited Certificate III or IV, or Dental Radiography Skill Set (through an RTO)	Set by the provider
Visas, travel to Brisbane, accommodation, checks and immunisations	Your own cost

ADC fees as published at October 2026; the skills assessment takes about 8 weeks and is valid for 3 years. Withdrawals are not refunded. They can change: check adc.org.au. There is no Ahpra or Dental Board registration fee because dental assistants are not registered.

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 DAMA visas and travel to Brisbane.
- Visitor visa holders may generally study for up to 3 months. They study only and must not work or provide services.

Not a registration pathway
Dental assistants are not registered by Ahpra or the Dental Board of Australia. Completing this program does not lead to registration.

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 outcomes go to the ADC.

Disclaimers

- This is a non-accredited professional development program. OBA is not a registered training organisation, and the program does not lead to a qualification, a radiation use licence or registration.
- Content is aligned to Australian dental assisting units for learning purposes only; it does not give credit or recognition of prior learning towards an accredited qualification.
- OBA is not affiliated with or endorsed by the Australian Dental Council. A successful skills assessment is not guaranteed.
- OBA does not deliver English language tuition and does not place candidates in employment.
- Third-party fees and requirements are set by the ADC, state regulators, employers and visa authorities, and can change without notice.

07 · HOW TO ENROL

Ready to start?

1 **Check your route**

If you plan to migrate, confirm with a registered migration agent whether a DAMA region and employer suit you.

2 **Contact OBA**

Send us your dental assistant qualification or work history. We confirm the program suits you and send the fee schedule.

3 **Enrol and begin**

Complete enrolment and payment with OBA. Online access opens straight away, starting with your ADC document pack.

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