

ACADEMIC DATES
DENTISTRY & DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAMS
2026-2027

	Summer Term (2026) (2025/26 academic year)	# wks	Fall Term (2026) (2026/27 academic year)	# wks **	Winter Term (2027) (2026/27 academic year)	# wks **	Summer Term (2027) (2026/27 academic year)	# wks	** Total # of teaching wks
DDS1	N/A		Aug 24 - Nov 27 (1 week orientation) (classes start Aug 31) Nov 30 - Dec 11: Exams (exam makeup Dec 4 & 11)	13 2	Jan 5 - May 7 (classes start Jan 5, clinics start Jan 5 PM) March 8 - 12 – Study Break May 10 - 20 – Exams (study days May 14 & 20)	17 1 1.5	N/A		30
IMU/QP	Aug 4 - 14 (Aug 3 is Natal Day) preclinical Aug 5-14 then join DDS2	2	Aug 24 - Nov 27 (1 week orientation) (classes start Aug 31) Nov 30 - Dec 11: Exams (exam makeup Dec 4 & 11)	13 2	Jan 5 - May 7 (classes start Jan 5, clinics start Jan 5 PM) March 8 - 12 – Study Break May 10 - 20 – Exams (study day May 14 & 20) May 3 – Pros Olympics {TBC}	17 1 1.5	Aug 9 - 20 preclinical Aug 11-20 then join DDS2	2	32
DDS2	N/A		Aug 24 - Nov 27 (1 week orientation) (classes start Aug 31) Nov 30 - Dec 11: Exams (exam makeup Dec 4 & 11)	13 2	Jan 5 - May 7 (classes start Jan 5, clinics start Jan 5 PM) March 8 - 12 – Study Break May 10 - 20 – Exams (study day May 14 & 20) May 3 – Pros Olympics {TBC}	17 1 1.5	N/A		30
Bridge Program	N/A		Aug 17 - Nov 27 (2 weeks orientation) (classes start Aug 31; clinics start Nov 3) (Term 1)	13	Jan 5 - April 23 (classes start Jan 5, clinics start Jan 5 PM) (Term 2) March 8 - 12 – Study Break	15 1	Pre-Assessment May 3 - 7	1	28
DDS3	May 6 – June 29 (Term 3) DDS3 Summer term June 9 – Oral Exam	8	Aug 17 - Nov 27 (2 weeks orientation) (clinic and classes start Aug 31) (Term 1) Nov 30 - Dec 11: Exams (exam makeup Dec 4 & 11)	13 2	Jan 5 - April 9 (classes start Jan 5, clinics start Jan 5 PM) (Term 2) March 8 - 12 – Study Break April 13 - 23 – Exams (study days April 12 and 19)	13 1 1.5	May 5 - June 30 (Term 3) DDS3 Summer term June 8 – Oral Exam	8	34
DDS4	N/A		Aug 17 - Nov 27 (2 weeks orientation) (clinic and classes start Aug 31) Nov 30 - Dec 11: Exams (exam makeup Dec 4 & 11) ADEX Pre-clinical Exam Oct 3, 2026 (Part 1)	13 2	Jan 5 - May 7 (classes start Jan 5, clinics start Jan 5 PM) March 8 - 12 – Study Break NDEB Exams Mar 1, 2027 ADEX Pre-clinical Retake Exam Feb 26, 2027 (Part 1) ADEX Clinical Exam Feb 27, 2027 (Part 2) April 15 – Oral Exam May 7 – Patient Completion/Student Clearance May 14-16 – Medical Emergencies and N2O CE course May 31 – Convocation (no clinic/didactic) {Time TBC}	15 1	N/A		28
BDH1	May 4 - June 26 - (Term 3) Radiology, Extended Skills & Clinic block	8	Aug 24 - Nov 27 (1 week orientation) (classes start Aug 31) -- (Term 1) Nov 30 - Dec 11: Exams (exam makeup Dec 4 & 11)	13 2	Jan 5 - April 9 (classes/clinics start Jan 5) (Term 2) March 8 - 12 – Study Break April 13 - 23 – Exams (study days April 12 and 19)	13 1 1.5	May 3 - June 25 - (Term 3) Radiology, Extended Skills & Clinic block May 31 – Convocation (no clinic/didactic) {Time TBC}	8	34
BDH2	N/A		Aug 24 - Nov 27 (1 week orientation) (pre-clinical activites Aug 24-28, classes/clinics start Aug 31) Nov 30 - Dec 11: Exams (exam makeup Dec 4 & 11)	13 2	Jan 5 - April 9 (classes start Jan 5, clinics start Jan 5 PM) March 8 - 12 – Study Break April 13 - 23 – Exams (study days April 12 and 19) April 2 – RIOH Student Presentation Showcase May 31 – Convocation (no clinic/didactic) {Time TBC}	13 1 1	N/A		26

HOLIDAYS:

Labour Day (**Mon, Sept 7**); National Day Truth/ Reconciliation (**Wed, Sept 30**); Thanksgiving (**Mon, Oct 12**); Remembrance Day (**Wed, Nov 11**); Dal Day (**Thurs, Dec 24**); Dal Day (**Mon, Jan 4**); Munro Day (**Fri, Feb 5**); Heritage Day (**Mon, Feb 15**); Good Friday (**Fri, March 26**); Dal Day (**Fri, May 21**); Victoria Day (**Mon, May 24**); Canada Day (**Thurs, July 1**); Dal Day (**Fri, July 2**); Natal Day (**Mon, Aug 2**)

Summer Clinic closure 2027 for all clinics: Mon, July 19 to Fri, Aug 13, 2027 (clinic maintenance with no patient care). Axiom Shutdown: summer dates TBD.

EVENTS:

Approved by ACCC – Nov 12, 2025 (updated Sept 14.26)

Wed, Aug 19: Faculty Clinical Orientation (all faculty) @ 9:00-12:00pm

Wed, Aug 26: JD McLean Lecture @ 12:30-1:30pm

Thurs, Aug 27: Dean's Welcome Reception @ 5:30 - 7:00pm

Mon, Aug 31: DH Clinic Orientation @ 5:30-8:30pm

Thurs/Fri/Sat, Oct 15-17: CE/DentDays

Wed, Nov 4: Focus on Research Event @ 8:30-4:30pm (no classes/clinics)

Wed, Nov 18: PLANS Camp @ 1:00-4:00pm

Fri, Dec 4: FoD PD Winter Retreat @ 8:00am - 4:00pm

May 31: Convocation (no clinic or didactic) **time TBC**

Wed, June 2: FoD PD Summer Retreat @ 8:00am to 4:00pm

GRAD PERIO:

Year 1:

- Summer term (Mon, June 15 to Fri, July 10, 2026)
- Fall term (Mon, Aug 31 to Fri, Dec 11, 2026)
- Winter term (Tues, Jan 5 to Fri, July 9, 2027)

Year 2:

- Fall term (Mon, Aug 31 to Fri, Dec 11, 2026)
- Winter term (Tues, Jan 5 to Fri, July 9, 2027)

Year 3:

- Fall term (Mon, Aug 31 to Fri, Dec 11, 2026)
- Winter term (Tues, Jan 5 to Fri, April 30, 2027)

Observes March break: March 8 to 12, 2027 – Study Break

GPR:

Year 1:

- Summer term (Mon, June 15 to Fri, Aug 28, 2026)

- Fall term (Mon, Aug 31 to Fri, Dec 18, 2026)
- Winter term (Tues, Jan 5 to June 25, 2027)

Does **not** observe March break: March 8 to 12, 2027

FACULTY PRACTICE:

- Start date (Mon, Aug 17, 2026)
- Last day of clinic before Xmas break (Fri, Dec 18, 2026)
- Start date (Tues, Jan 5, 2027)
- Last day of clinic before summer break (Fri, July 16, 2027)
- Closed for summer (Mon, July 19 to Fri, Aug 13, 2027)