

Attn: Accreditation Committee
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Dear Accreditation Committee,

Thank you for including the Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists' Association (ADOHTA) in the list of relevant stakeholders and for the opportunity to submit feedback on the Consultation Paper for **The Initial Glossary Accreditation Terms**.

Below are ADOHTA's responses to the questions stated in the consultation paper:

i. Do you want your responses to be published?

The ADOHTA is comfortable to have this response published with our name present.

1. Do you have any comments on the terms and/or meanings in Table 1 of the draft proposed initial glossary?

Term	Comments or suggested edits
Virtual Care	<i>Suggest embedding 'also known as telehealth' in the term Virtual Care. As is also known within community and reflected within item codes as a 'telehealth' appointment.</i>
Learning Outcomes	<i>Suggest accompanying Learning Outcomes with 'Learning objectives or Curriculum'. And encompassing the following into the proposed meaning:</i> <i>A statement of the intended aims and objectives, content, assessment, experiences, outcomes, and processes of a program, including a description of the structure and expected methods of learning, teaching, feedback, and supervision.</i> <i>The curriculum sets out the knowledge, skills, and professional qualities the student is to achieve and consequently demonstrate. This is distinguished from a syllabus which is a statement of content to be taught and learnt, then apply and demonstrate thus translating into 'Learning Outcomes'.</i>
Person-centred care	<i>For continuity within the document suggest adding 'culturally safe' into the proposed meaning description to therefore read:</i> <i>"Care that is respectful of, culturally safe, and responsive to, the preferences, needs and values of the individual patient and recognises the role of family and community. It involves seeking out and understanding what is important to the patient and their family, community and/or carer, fostering trust, establishing mutual respect and working together to share decisions and plan care."</i>



2a. Are there any other terms you believe may be relevant to the areas of the committee's advice and that you would like to see included in a future version of the glossary?

Term	Suggested 'Proposed Meaning'
<i>Conflict of Interest</i>	<i>Disclosure of any personal, financial, and/or professional interest that might create a conflict with the ability to fairly and objectively carry out one's responsibilities as an ERP or COA member.</i>
<i>Evaluation</i>	<i>One or more processes for interpreting the data and evidence accumulated through assessment or accreditation processes. Evaluation determines the extent to which student outcomes are being attained. Evaluation results in decisions and actions regarding a program or course improvement.</i>
<i>Program Head or Course Lead</i>	<i>The administrator in charge (coordinator, dean, director) of the accredited program or the program seeking accreditation. The program head has primary responsibility for accreditation business and is the main contact.</i>
<i>Student Survey</i>	<i>An assessment method that uses surveys and interviews to ascertain the satisfaction of students both enrolled and beyond graduation with the program, services and other different aspects of their academic experience.</i>

2b. Are there any other terms you believe may be relevant to the areas of the committee's advice and that you would like to see included in a future version of the glossary?

In the interest of expanding knowledge for and endorsing the promotion of interprofessional and collaborative practice, ADOHTA suggests developing an area within the glossary for the description and role of each profession required to register with AHPRA. This would enable for the education of the community and other professionals both health and otherwise to better use and understand titles. This would also assist in the ongoing revision of the 'Obligations regarding use of title.'

Oral health therapist is a protected title and still are frequently and incorrectly referred to as dental hygienists, oral hygienists or oral therapists, even by other dental practitioners. ADOHTA would be pleased to support the Board in developing resources to better delineate and educate the general public and health professionals alike in the divisions of dental practitioners we represent.

3. Do you have any general comments or other feedback about the draft proposed initial glossary?

No. As discussed above.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback, please do not hesitate to contact ADOHTA for any further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists' Association Pty Ltd

