

GRADUATE RESUMES

Dental Surgery



Your success in gaining an interview for a graduate position or progressing further in the application process, hinges upon the quality of the written application you provide to an employer.

This is your opportunity to demonstrate that you possess the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities for the position.

Tailor your resume

Your resume is a marketing tool. It is essential that you tailor your resume for every job application to increase the fit between you, the job and the employer.

Thoroughly research the organisation and the position to determine what the employer is looking for. You must follow the application instructions to ensure your application progresses to the next stage.

A role in a public health service may have a different focus from a private hospital or clinic. Your resume layout/style may vary according to the sector you are applying to.

Emphasise your strengths as they relate to each particular organisation and match your skills and abilities to the role you are applying for.

Headings

There are no set headings for a resume, although the following headings are commonly included. Decide what headings best promote you to a prospective employer's expectations.

Under each heading list experiences in reverse chronological order, most recent experience first.

PERSONAL DETAILS

- x Name, address/city, phone and email.
- x LinkedIn – ensure your profile is up to date.
Consider personalising your URL (search Customise your URL on LinkedIn Help)
- x Photo, date of birth, marital/parental status and health are not required on your resume.

CAREER STATEMENT (Optional, 2 - 3 lines)

This section should only be added to your resume if it has been written to suit the position and organisation you are applying to. This is your opportunity to market your key selling points plus state why you want the job.

EDUCATION

Tertiary, high school (only list high school if you are a recent school leaver and have relevant achievements to list) and other relevant training qualifications. Begin with your Bachelor of Dental Surgery.

MEMBERSHIPS

Include memberships of professional or industry bodies.

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

JCU Dentistry students have more clinical experience than those from other universities. Indicate clearly the number of hours and weeks of clinical experience.

Describe your responsibilities, achievements, range of patients treated, range of situations (remote, city etc.).

Try to highlight different achievements.



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Tip – List any volunteer dental activities e.g. oral health promotion projects, especially when applying for public sector jobs

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2021 - 2022 Relay for Life , annual breast cancer fundraising event
- x Team leader (2022) and active fundraiser, team successfully raises over \$2000 each year
- 2020 - 2021 Rosies – Friends on the Street
- x Monthly commitment to help prepare and serve meals for the homeless community in Cairns
- 2019 Student Mentor, James Cook University
- x Supported first year Dentistry students settle in and succeed in their transition into university
 - x Trained in communication, mentoring and advocacy

Tip – List interests that relate to your work life and give an indication of your personal qualities or abilities e.g. leadership, resilience, teamwork.

INTERESTS

- x Member of Cairns Tigers Netball club – Captain of Tigers team - open age
- x Coach for the 'under 12s' Tiger netball team
- x Keen traveller – backpacked through South America and Asia

Tip – Ask permission before listing a referee. Keep your referees informed; they need to know what you are applying for so that they are prepared when an employer contacts them to find out more about you.

REFEREES

Dr xxx
Senior Dentist
Darwin Dental Clinic
Phone: xxx
Email: xxx

Dr xxx
Senior Clinician
Oral Health Services, Hobart
Phone: xxx
Email: xxx

Associate Professor Xxx
5th Year Academic Coordinator
JCU College of Medicine and Dentistry
Phone: xxx
Email: xxx

Need more help? Go to www.jcu.edu.au/careers for more resources

- x [Information Sheets](#) : Action Verb List, Can a robot read your Resume?
- x [Employability Edge](#) : Master Written Applications module
- x [Big Interview](#): combine training and practice to improve your interview techniques
- x [LinkedIn Learning](#) : online training to help you develop skills
- x Make an [appointment](#) with the Careers and Employability Team to discuss your job search strategies

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