



Refugee Week 2023

Dr. Reivan's Story

Dr Reivan (25 years) arrived in Australia on humanitarian visa in 2016. Since arriving in Australia, he has been working tirelessly towards building life in new country. He had no formal qualification in Iraq before taking refuge to Australia.

Since arriving in Australia, young Reivan has a dream of studying dentistry as it resonates with his values to bring a positive change to people's quality of life and wellbeing, he also considered taking the career as a great way to give back to Australia, for all the things Australia has given him and his family.

Through the process, CORE Multicultural communities, Employment, training and education program, Reivan was provided with directions, guidance, connections and referrals which facilitated him to progress me to realize my dream after successfully complete his dentistry studies at Griffith University.

As Dr Reivan awaits to finalize his professional practitioner registration, he stated that "I see dentistry very rewarding, it gives me the ability to help so many people. In future I am aiming to be a role model for all those who are disadvantaged in so many ways, I aim to give back to the community and the people of Australia by being a hardworking and passionate dentist. I aim to bring change to the profession and to be a good dentist by employing honesty, patient-centered care, empathy, professionalism, cultural sensitivity, and proactivity. I believe in myself and what I can do to become the health care professional I want to be and will do all in my power to achieve it".

Dr Reivan had already received several jobs offers in Sydney while he still wait for his graduation and registration due to outstanding results, he intends to accept the practice that resonate with his values the most, he stated during his studies became an outstanding student and high achiever has received several awards and was elected and served in several roles such as vice president for the Golden key international honour society on the gold coast, dentistry class representative by my dentistry cohort and exclusive events with education providers and multiple practices, including the AHC surgical hands-on course. Reivan as a dentistry student volunteered for charity such Esesson foundation to provide free dental healthcare for kids.

Dr Reivan lastly stated "What's important to me as well is that I have achieved my dream of becoming a dentist, fast forwards 6 years after coming to Australia I graduate from dentistry knowing it has been a fantastic 6 years in Australia, let this be a message to all young people that you can achieve your dreams, they are not far from reach, they are closer to you than you think, just try hard and study smart".



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