

August 2023 Podiatry Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The sixteenth meeting of the Committee was held in person and via videoconference on 24 & 25 August 2023. The Committee anticipates holding one more meeting in 2023.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's August 2023 meeting are outlined below.

Assessments and monitoring activities

The Committee considered accreditation assessment team reports, against the 2021 accreditation standards for:

- La Trobe University's Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours)
- The University of Western Australia's Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, and
- The University of Western Australia's Doctor of Podiatric Surgery.

There are currently three other podiatry programs undergoing an accreditation assessment.

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered a monitoring response from one education provider and their program of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education provider and the Podiatry Board of Australia (National Board) following their meeting.

The Committee will continue to provide updates to the National Board on its monitoring of approved programs of study.

2023 routine annual monitoring

At its August 2023 meeting, the Committee considered 2023 routine annual monitoring reports from nine education providers. The Committee will provide the outcomes of the respective reviews of these reports to the education providers and the National Board.

Committee updates

At the meeting the Committee discussed generative artificial intelligence and its impacts on teaching in the profession, rural workforce shortages and emerging trends of clinician burnout due to workload.

Stakeholder engagement

At the August 2023 meeting, the Committee met with the Chair of the Australasian Council of Podiatry Deans (ACPD) regarding artificial intelligence, feedback on routine annual monitoring and accreditation applications, benchmarking processes with other committees and councils, and discussions around a refresh of the accreditation standards in 2024. The Chair of the ACPD and the Committee agreed to continue to engage on a regular basis on issues important to podiatry education and accreditation.

The Program Accreditation team, on behalf of the Committee, continues to engage with education providers via the Committee's [accreditation webpage](#) and through correspondence on email and phone

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

The Chair of the Committee provided an update on the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF). The Committee continues to engage in the HPACF's important work. More information can be found on the HPACF's [website](#).

Contact information

For any queries related to podiatry program accreditation, please contact the Committee via the Program Accreditation team at program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au.

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