

July 2023 Paramedicine Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The eighteenth meeting of the Committee was held on 26 and 27 July 2023 in Melbourne. The Committee plans to hold one more meeting in 2023.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's July 2023 meeting, as well as some other key activities, are outlined below.

Assessment and monitoring activities for approved programs of study

Accreditation assessments

The Committee considered accreditation assessment team reports, against the 2020 accreditation standards for:

- Charles Darwin University's Bachelor of Paramedicine program
- Flinders University's Bachelor of Paramedicine program (Adelaide, Regional SA REP and Darwin delivery streams) and
- University of Notre Dame's Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine program

There are currently ten other paramedicine 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 Paramedicine 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 July 2023 meeting, the Committee considered 2023 routine annual monitoring reports from five education providers and their programs of study that were distributed in February 2023. At their October 2023 meeting the Committee will consider a further seven routine annual monitoring reports (distributed in April). The Committee will provide the outcomes to the education providers and the National Board.

Committee updates

At the meeting the Committee discussed the upcoming review of the accreditation standards, the emerging role of graduate programs in the paramedicine profession, and international work integrated learning placements.

The Committee also received a briefing from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) on the implementation of the National Safety and Quality Health Service ([NSQHS](#)) Standards. [ACSQHC](#) advised they are available to assist stakeholders who are seeking more information on their role in contributing to the level of care consumers can expect from health service organisations.

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](#).

Annual self-evaluation

Members reviewed the results of the Committee's annual self-evaluation survey and identified areas for enhancement of the Committee into the future.

Workplan

The Committee's 2023-2024 confirmed budget and workplan were presented to the National Board in July 2023.

Stakeholder engagement

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; phone contact; tele/videoconferences with the Chair and representatives from the Accreditation Committee; and communiqués via the Program Accreditation team.

Contact information

For any queries related to paramedicine program accreditation, please contact the Committee via the Program Accreditation team at program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au. For more information on paramedicine accreditation please visit the Committee's [accreditation webpage](#).

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