

October 2023 Paramedicine Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The nineteenth meeting of the Committee was held on 19 and 20 October 2023 in Melbourne. This was the Committee's final meeting of 2023.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's October 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 University of Sunshine Coast's and University of Tasmania's Bachelor of Paramedicine programs.

There are currently seven other paramedicine programs undergoing an accreditation assessment.

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered monitoring evaluation reports from three education provider and their programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education providers 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.

Routine annual monitoring

At its October 2023 meeting, the Committee considered 2023 routine annual monitoring reports from eight education providers and their programs of study, that were distributed in February 2023. The Committee will provide the outcomes of their considerations to the education providers and the National Board.

The Committee considered and confirmed the 2024 routine annual monitoring package and anticipates circulating the 2024 routine annual monitoring form to education providers in two rounds, in February and May 2024.

Committee updates

At the meeting the Committee discussed the upcoming review of the accreditation standards and noted the verbal reports from members that attended the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) combined meeting in Melbourne in October 2023. Topics addressed by the keynote speakers included:

- Community engagement in regulation
- Culturally safe healthcare in practice, and
- AI in regulatory intelligence

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](#).

Stakeholder engagement

The Committee met with the Chair of the Australasian Council of Paramedicine Deans (ACPD) and discussed matters of common interest around paramedicine programs of study. The Chair gave an update on accreditation matters relevant to paramedicine under the National Law. The Committee discussed with ACPD:

- NSQHS Standards resourcing including presentations from Australian commission on safety and quality in health care (ACSQHC)
- Student data/attrition rates provided in routine annual monitoring
- Risk register information provided with routine annual monitoring

The Committee will invite all members of the ACPD to attend a meeting in 2024 to discuss matters of common interest.

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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