# Communique



# February 2024 Paramedicine Accreditation Committee meeting

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# **Committee meeting**

The twentieth meeting of the Committee was held on 1 and 2 February 2024 in Melbourne. The next meeting will be held on 8 and 9 August 2024 in Melbourne.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's February 2024 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 report, against the 2020 accreditation standards for Griffith University's Bachelor of Paramedicine program.

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

# Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered monitoring evaluation reports from three education providers 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 February 2024 meeting, the Committee considered 2023 routine annual monitoring report from one education provider and their program of study, that were distributed in March 2023. The Committee will provide the outcome of their considerations to the education providers and the National Board.

Committee member representatives will be hosting two information session (via videoconference) for education providers to attend regarding the 2024 routine annual monitoring report, on 21 and 23 February 2024.

#### **Committee updates**

#### 2020 Accreditation standards: Paramedicine review

At the meeting the Committee noted the verbal report from the Specialist Accreditation Advisor on the upcoming review of the 2020 *Accreditation standards Paramedicine* project. The project will be conducted in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Chinese Medicine, Medical Radiation Practice and Podiatry Accreditation Committees. Project staff will be appointed in either February or March 2024. Consultation/feedback opportunities will be provided to stakeholders. The project is expected to be completed by January 2025.

# Annual self-evaluation

Members reviewed the results of the Committee's 2023 annual self-evaluation survey and identified areas for enhancement of the Committee now and into the future. The Committee will provide the National Board with the outcomes of their review.

# 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 <u>website</u>.

## Stakeholder engagement

The Committee will invite all members of the Australasian Council of Paramedicine Deans 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 <u>program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au</u>. For more information on paramedicine accreditation please visit the Committee's <u>accreditation webpage</u>.

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