



March 2024 Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The 53rd meeting of the Committee was held via videoconference on 21 March 2024. A further two meetings are planned in 2024.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's March 2024 meeting, as well as some other key activities, are outlined below.

Assessments and monitoring activities

Accreditation assessments

The Committee considered two assessment team reports for three programs, against the 2019 accreditation standards. The Committee will consider a further assessment team report in July 2024.

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered monitoring responses from two education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education providers and the Chinese Medicine 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 monitoring

The 2024 routine monitoring package was circulated to education providers in March 2024 (eight weeks to complete). The assessors (triage panel members of the Committee) will consider the responses from education providers in July 2024. The Committee will consider the triage panel member's findings and recommendations at the November 2024 meeting.

The Committee will provide the outcomes of their findings to the education providers and an update to the National Board following the November 2024 meeting.

Committee updates

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

- low value care: the pitfalls and challenges for regulation, and
- thinking beyond normal regulation through increasing the use of traditional care.

At its March meeting, the Committee also discussed:

- the work being undertaken through Ahpra’s Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy and “The Academic Health Institutions’ Declaration on Planetary Health”, and
- TEQSA’s initiatives regarding artificial intelligence.

Stakeholder engagement

The Program Accreditation team, on behalf of the Committee, continues to engage with education providers via the Committee’s [accreditation webpages](#); through correspondence via email, phone, videoconference meetings, and communiques.

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](#).

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 2024.

Contact information

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