

August 2024 Paramedicine Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The twenty first meeting of the Committee was held on 8 and 9 August 2024 in Melbourne. The next meeting will be held on 3 October 2024 in Melbourne.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's August 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 reports, against the 2020 accreditation standards for the following programs:

- Central Queensland University's Bachelor of Paramedic Science and Bachelor of Paramedic Science/Graduate Certificate in Emergency and Disaster Management programs
- Edith Cowan University's Bachelor of Science (Paramedical Science) program, and
- Queensland University of Technology's Bachelor of Paramedic Science program.

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

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered monitoring evaluation reports from five 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.

2024 Routine annual monitoring

The Committee considered 2024 routine annual monitoring reports from four education providers and their programs of study. The Committee will provide the outcome of their considerations to the education providers and the National Board.

The Committee will consider the remaining 2024 routine annual monitoring reports at their October and December meetings.

Committee updates

2020 Accreditation standards: Paramedicine review

The review of the 2020 Accreditation standards: Paramedicine project commenced in March 2024. 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. At the meeting the Committee noted the verbal update from the Project Team on the progress of the review, and that preliminary consultations are scheduled to take place from late 2024. The project is expected to be completed by mid-2025.

National Registration and Accreditation Scheme annual accreditation meeting

The Chair and a Committee member provided verbal reports to the Committee on their attendance at the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) annual accreditation meeting held in Melbourne on 1 May 2024. Topics addressed by the keynote speakers included:

- Eliminating racism in health care
- The impact of AI and emerging technologies on accreditation, and
- Our future health care workforce – is our current system of training and accreditation capable of supporting future workforce needs?

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 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; videoconferences with the Chair and representatives from the Accreditation Committee; and communiqués via the Program Accreditation team.

The Committee has continued engaging in informal discussions with the Kaunihera Manapou Paramedic Council on areas of common interest.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 3 October 2024.

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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