

October 2024 Paramedicine Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The twenty-second meeting of the Committee was held on 3 October 2024 via videoconference. The next meeting will be held on 5 December 2024 in Melbourne.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's October 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 an accreditation assessment team report, against the 2020 accreditation standards for Charles Sturt University's Bachelor of Paramedicine and Bachelor of Paramedicine (Honours) programs. Charles Sturt University and the Paramedicine Board of Australia (National Board) will be provided with the accreditation decision and report.

Intention to apply

The Committee was informed about a university's intention to apply for accreditation assessment of its program as they plan to commence delivery of the program in February 2025. The Committee will advise the university on the timeframes to submit their accreditation assessment application.

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered monitoring evaluation reports from three education providers and their four programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education providers and the 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 for two programs of study. The Committee will provide the outcome of their evaluations to the education provider and the National Board.

The Committee will consider seven 2024 routine annual monitoring reports at their December meeting.

Committee updates

At its October meeting, the Committee also discussed:

- the recommendation to be adopted by Ahpra and the National Boards from the Health Ministers' August meeting to improve responses to Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Health, and
- the recently released consultation paper on the *Review of complexity in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme*, and its implications for accreditation.

2020 Accreditation standards: Paramedicine review

The review of the 2020 Accreditation standards: Paramedicine project commenced in March 2024. The project has been conducted to date 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 review of the Paramedicine accreditation standards has been temporarily paused to allow better alignment with the National Board's review of the Professional Capabilities and the Advanced Practice Paramedics project. The Committee expects to provide an update on the progress of the review following the December meeting.

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum's (HPACF) September 2024 meeting agenda and papers were provided to the Committee. 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 members of the Australasian Council of Paramedicine Deans and discussed a range of topics including:

- inter-professional learning
- the accreditation standards review, and interpretation of the accreditation standards
- clinical placements, including placement agreements, and
- the Advanced Practice Paramedics role and education programs.

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 Committee; and communiqués via the Program Accreditation team.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 5 December 2024 in Melbourne.

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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