



Proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent

Context

Achieving interprofessional collaborative practice is fundamental to effective team-based and coordinated care for patients and healthcare consumers.

Interprofessional collaborative practice refers to healthcare practice where multiple health workers from different professional backgrounds work together with patients, families, carers and communities to deliver the highest quality of care that is free of racism across settings.¹

The independently chaired Accreditation Committee is seeking to contribute to embedding interprofessional collaborative practice (IPCP) in the 16 professions within the National Scheme, by gaining a joint commitment from stakeholders across the health and education sectors to take action.

This Statement will further embed interprofessional collaborative practice across the health system, in education, training, clinical governance and practice.

Shared vision

Our vision is that interprofessional collaborative practice is embedded across the Australian health system, in education, training, clinical governance and practice.

This vision will:

- provide more effective, efficient, culturally-safe and person-centred care that is free of racism
- improve collaboration within the health workforce, and
- benefit individuals and other healthcare consumers by enhancing their experiences and health outcomes.

Shared goals

We will work together to embed interprofessional collaborative practice across the continuum of healthcare settings.

We will do this in alignment with education, training, clinical governance and practice by:

- building a shared understanding of, and commitment to, interprofessional collaborative practice within the National Scheme and self-regulated/non-National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) professions
- building connections with patients and healthcare consumers
- co-designing better collaborative practice models of care with consumers
- enabling interprofessional collaborative practice teams to build trust with diverse communities and individuals
- ensuring culturally-safe interprofessional collaborative practice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Australia's health system that is free of racism
- ensuring healthcare services are culturally and linguistically accessible
- improving healthcare services for people in rural and regional communities that is free of racism

¹ This reflects the meaning in the Accreditation Committee's [proposed glossary of accreditation terms currently under consultation](#)

- improving healthcare services for vulnerable groups including people with disabilities and the elderly
- strengthening the education of health practitioners to meet the needs of patients and healthcare consumers through high quality interprofessional care that is free of racism
- recognising the interprofessional learning continuum from pre-registration learning, through to post-registration continuing professional development
- addressing possible barriers to student and practitioner engagement in interprofessional collaborative practice
- reducing duplication, gaps and discontinuity experienced by individuals accessing health services, and
- establishing strategies and policies that facilitate and support opportunities to embed interprofessional collaborative practice, based on best available evidence.

Shared values

Our work together to take action and further embed interprofessional collaborative practice in the Australian health system, in education, training, clinical governance and practice, will reflect these shared values:

- respect – we respect the value of each other’s contributions, work and views
- commitment – we are committed to working together to achieve the vision and goals in this statement
- collaboration – we achieve more when we work jointly with others and together
- leadership – we consistently lead with integrity, fairness and clear and honest communication, and
- innovation – we introduce new ideas and ways of working to change existing approaches in education, training and practice.

Our commitment

We will use our leadership to take action and further embed interprofessional collaborative practice across the Australian health system, in education, training, clinical governance and practice, with a focus on quality and safety of person-centred care that is free of racism. We commit to using our leadership to achieve our shared goals and deliver on our vision. In the future, this could involve developing a National Scheme strategy on interprofessional collaborative practice.

We are (National Boards, Accreditation Authorities, Ahpra, and other stakeholders)

All stakeholders be invited to express interest in becoming signatories during public consultation. Signatories will be confirmed after interest is expressed.