

GRADUATE CAPABILITIES – Diploma of Health Science Policy

PURPOSE

Graduate capabilities, integral to the production of highly sought after and distinctive professionals, provide the framework to the knowledge and skills sets attained by each graduate. The same graduate capabilities provide a reference point for curriculum design, course development, and alignment of course learning outcomes with assessment tasks.

The policy ensures mapping and appropriate achievement of graduate capabilities within the Australian Qualifications Framework.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students enrolled in the Diploma of Health Science and all academics involved with administration and/or delivery of the Diploma of Health Science at the ACC.

POLICY STATEMENT

The ACC is committed to the development of chiropractic leaders who have the embedded desire to serve, the fortitude to maintain traditional Chiropractic tenets and the confidence and knowledge to utilise their cutting edge practice skills in an ethical manner in both clinical and business practices.

The Diploma of Health Science forms both an important introduction to further chiropractic and health related studies, and a stand-alone qualification for employment in a health setting. Staged and level appropriate development of graduate capabilities will be continually monitored and reviewed to ensure the production of graduates who can fulfill the Programs aims by the ACC.

GRADUATE CAPABILITIES

Graduate Capability 1

The ability to pursue further learning in the Health Sciences.

A detailed understanding of the core principles of the health and biological sciences.

A sound understanding of the structure and function of the human body.

A basic understanding of disease processes and normal and abnormal function.

The ability to integrate knowledge of health and medical sciences in related fields of endeavour.

Graduate Capability 2

The ability to conduct evidence-based practice and research at an introductory level.

Apply research and problem-solving skills to obtain information and explore health related questions.

Critically appraise health and scientific information.

Recognize the benefits of and need for lifelong learning and professional development.

Understand the principles of evidence-based research and practice.

Capability 3

The ability to demonstrate a well-developed knowledge of the structure and function of the Australian health care system.

Understand the social and political dimensions of illness.

Analyse contemporary issues in the social science of health.

Demonstrate an awareness of inequities and disparities in health care and public health.

Demonstrate an awareness of health care ethics and patient centred health care.

Graduate Capability 4

The ability to work effectively and efficiently as a paraprofessional in a health care setting.

Perform basic health assessment procedures.

Interpret basic clinical examination to distinguish normal and abnormal structure and function.

Employ the principles of contemporary health promotion of individuals, communities, and populations at large.

Recognize the limitations of their role and the need for referral and further assessment.

IMPLEMENTATION and MONITORING

The Academic Board is ultimately responsible for the implementation and monitoring of this policy as it pertains to the students and academic staff.

POLICY REVIEW

The ACC's *Graduate Capabilities – Diploma of Health Science Policy* is normally reviewed every three years.

It is a policy of the ACC that any Policy or Procedure may be reviewed earlier as indicated by internal or external factors (including but not limited to such factors as changes in the guidelines of regulatory authorities, accreditation/registration requirements of the profession, or relevant legislation at state or federal level) as determined the Board of Directors and/or Academic Board.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil

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