

ANMAC and HESA update

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Overview

- Registered Nurse Prescribing
- Annual monitoring project
- Current Accreditation Standards work
- HESA update

Registered Nurse Prescribing Accreditation Standards 2025



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New Accreditation Standards - impact on
the Nursing profession.



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Why Accreditation is important

- Ensures education programs meet nationally consistent standards.
- Graduates of accredited and approved programs qualify for endorsement with NMBA.
- Sets foundation for best practice in RN designated prescribing education.

Key points

- Do not conflate ability for RN designated prescribing with 'advanced practice'.
- NP scope at advanced practice level.
- Autonomous v partnership.
- EPs ensure clear distinction in the education offer and the delivery of the program.
- Critical for public safety.
- Critical for the strong foundation for RN designated prescribing.



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Overview of the RN Prescribing Accreditation Standards



Accreditation process

Bespoke process (new Accred Standards):

- Dedicated Assoc Directors and Assessment Teams.
- RNAC with additional expertise.
- Standard condition on all programs.

If accreditation is granted:

- Program proceeds to NMBA for approval.
- Program added to Approved Programs of Study (APOS).
- Students can enrol.

Annual Monitoring project

Current state:

- Report due on the anniversary of program approval
- Confirm program continues to meet the standards

Future State

- Common submission date for all programs (April 2026)
- Data for program monitoring (regulatory responsibility)
- Data for sector intelligence
- Longitudinal quality assurance for education provider

Current Accreditation Standards work

- Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards 2019 *Essential Evidence guide* to be republished, key areas of change:
 - Cultural Safety
 - Foundations of scholarship in RN education programs.
- Standards for Quality Clinical Placements.
- Foundational requirements of education leading to general registration as an RN.

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Current Accreditation Standards work

- Review of EN and RN Accreditation Standards:
 - Project plan for review in development.
 - Formal review and consultation will commence early 2026.
 - Preparatory work underway:
 - **Internal review** - Review of recent monitoring and conditions will help to identify the need for more clarity regarding each of the Accreditation Standards.
 - **EP Survey** - Online survey for Education providers re experience and gather information regarding the challenges with the current Standards and suggestions for improvement.
 - **Environmental Scan and Gap analysis** - Both EN and RN Accreditation Standards - **Expressions of Interest close 8 October 2025.**

- Established in 2018 to provide health education services.
- Re-established in 2025 with a renewed focus of advancing professional health education.
- Program Director roles currently progressing through recruitment.
- Current work:
 - **National Placement Evaluation Centre**
 - Renewed Governance, Focus on tool 'reach'.
 - **Post graduate education**
 - Immunisation Education Program Accreditation
 - 12 programs across 10 education providers.
 - 'Framework' under development - Establish 'national' approach to post-graduate education program standards, quality assurance/accreditation process and monitoring, governance oversight eg: steering committees.

Watch this space!

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