

AQF LEVEL
**AQF LEVEL 8 CRITERIA –
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**
PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

PURPOSE	The Graduate Certificate qualifies individuals who apply a body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake professional/highly skilled work and as a pathway for further learning.	
KNOWLEDGE	Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will have specialised knowledge within a systematic and coherent body of knowledge that may include the acquisition and application of knowledge and skills in a new or existing discipline or professional area	Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Disability Studies will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ a systematic and coherent body of knowledge of contemporary theoretical, policy and practice knowledge from a wide range of medical, allied health, rehabilitation, and health/disability insurance fields ✓ specialised knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ contemporary social and disability policy ○ historic and contemporary global and national approaches to disability rights and reform ○ the impacts of disability and disabling conditions on the diverse population groups of Australia including urban, rural and regional Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, and culturally diverse Australians ○ case-management including person-centred approaches to disability (a core principle of the National Disability Insurance Scheme) ○ vocational rehabilitation and training ○ key disability networks and alliances. ✓ knowledge of the shift from the welfare and medical models of service delivery to a marketised (insurance model) and inclusive, social model of individualised services to people with disabilities.
SKILLS	Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge and identify and provide 	Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Disability Studies will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ cognitive skills to review and synthesise complex client (disability) narratives with a view to identifying, assessing and providing individualised solutions in response to client needs within sometimes complex and competitive organisational contexts

APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

<p>solutions to complex problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cognitive skills to think critically and to generate and evaluate complex ideas • specialised technical and creative skills in a field of highly skilled and/or professional practice • communication skills to demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts • communication skills to transfer complex knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cognitive and creative skills to think critically, consult strategically, and negotiate sensitively with a view to evaluating and generating innovative solutions to complex disability/ social/ employment related issues, either at a policy level or organisational level or at a client level • specialised technical skills crucial to the new NDIS-workforce role of “assessors” • communication skills—including team-work consultations and negotiations, evidence-based argumentation, and sound, ethical professional writing skills—to influence decision-shapers and decision-makers either at the policy (eg submissions), organisational (eg strategic plans) or individual client-needs perspective (eg in case notes, court reports and the like) • effective oral presentation, written, and interpersonal communication skills to be effective communicators and team members when dealing with clients, their families and other professionals.
<p>Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to make high level, independent judgements in a range of technical or management functions in varied specialised contexts • to initiate, plan, implement and evaluate broad functions within varied specialised technical and/or creative contexts • with responsibility and accountability for personal outputs and all aspects of the work or function of others within broad parameters 	<p>Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Disability Studies will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to work ethically, effectively and accountably: with a diverse range of people in a diverse range of organisations across Australia • within a broad range of interdisciplinary human service settings including but not limited to disability, medical, allied health, rehabilitation, and health/disability insurance fields • to make high level judgements about competing organisational-client priorities, ie between organisations’ systemic needs based on financial efficiency and clients’ personal needs based on individual rights and quality of life • to be socially responsible and engaged in their communities • to integrate their disability policy, theory and practice knowledge and skills arising from this program with their professional practice in a range of interdisciplinary human service settings, including government agencies, private sector bodies, and not-for-profit organisations, and community groups.