

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 Forensic Mental Health will have broad knowledge of forensic mental health and its overlap with the criminal justice system and mental health services.	
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 solutions to complex problems • 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 	Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge of forensic mental health and provide solutions to complex forensic mental health problems • cognitive skills to think critically about and to evaluate contemporary concepts of forensic mental health • technical skills in the risk assessment and management of forensic mental health clients • communication skills to demonstrate an understanding of foundational forensic mental health theory • communication skills to transfer professional understanding and ideas about evidence-based policy to stakeholders in the forensic mental health field. 	

**APPLICATION OF
KNOWLEDGE &
SKILLS**

Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- 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

Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- to make high level, independent judgements in the conceptualisation, functional analyses and management planning for case examples of forensic mental health clients
- to initiate, plan, implement and evaluate risk assessment policies using case examples of forensic mental health clients
- with responsibility and accountability for personal outputs and all aspects of work.