

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 Criminological Research Studies will have specialised knowledge within a systematic and coherent body of knowledge that will include the acquisition and application of research principles, methods and skills.	
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 Criminological Research Studies 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 drawing on a range of research principles, methods and skills • cognitive skills to think critically and to generate and evaluate complex ideas contributing to new knowledge • specialised technical and creative skills in a field of research • communication skills to demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts • communication skills to transfer complex knowledge and ideas in an format associated with the reporting of research. 	

**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 Criminological Research Studies will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- to make high level, independent judgements in a range of technical and/or varied research contexts
- to initiate, plan, implement and evaluate broad functions drawing on a range of research principles, methods and skills
- with sound ethical conduct, responsibility and accountability for personal research outputs.