

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 Autism Studies degree will develop and demonstrate a comprehensive and specialised knowledge of theory and skills related to outcomes for individuals with autism and their families and will apply this knowledge to application in the development and implementation of programs that allow individuals with autism to achieve quality outcomes.
SKILLS	<p>Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will have:</p> <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 	<p>Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Autism Studies will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge of autism across a variety of contexts • cognitive skills to think critically and to generate and evaluate complex ideas through a holistic, inclusive approach to implementing learning and professional practice for individuals with autism • specialised technical skills in the field of autism and professional practice which demonstrate an understanding of stakeholders' perspectives (including individuals with autism and their families) <p>communication skills to demonstrate understanding of theoretical concepts and to transfer complex knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences with the potential to empower individuals with autism.</p>

**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 Autism Studies 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
- with responsibility and accountability for personal outputs and to make links between knowledge, theory and practice

to apply knowledge of autism to professional practice through initiating, planning, implementing and evaluating broad functions within relevant contexts.