

AQF LEVEL	AQF LEVEL 8 CRITERIA – GRADUATE DIPLOMA	PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES
PURPOSE	The Graduate Diploma 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 Diploma will have advanced 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 Diploma of Social Care will have specialised knowledge in the human services discipline including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contemporary theory, policy and practice with a focus on the political, social, cultural, legal, economic and global features of human service delivery.
SKILLS	Graduates of a Graduate Diploma 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 Diploma of Social Care will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise human services knowledge and identify and provide solutions to complex problems. • cognitive and creative skills to critically analyse human service delivery models to develop effective responses to meet the needs of clients and their families. • cognitive and technical skills to access, evaluate and utilise evidence-based literature to conceptualise issues and inform multi-disciplinary human services decisions. • communication skills to transfer complex ideas and identify creative solutions within interprofessional contexts with advanced interpersonal and written skills. • interpersonal skills to build relationships and assess the needs of a service user.

**APPLICATION OF
KNOWLEDGE &
SKILLS**

Graduates of a Graduate Diploma 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 Diploma of Social Care will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- to make high level, independent judgements whilst working effectively with diverse groups of people in a wide range of organisations within the human services discipline.
- to contribute to the social and economic structures to improve the quality of people's lives.
- to initiate, plan and implement board functions within varied multi-disciplinary contexts.
- to act with social responsibility and accountability for personal outputs, engagement in their communities through emphasis on the importance and relevance of integrating theory and knowledge with professional practice.