

AQF LEVEL

AQF LEVEL 8 CRITERIA -

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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 Human Servivces will have specialised, integrated theoretical and practical knowledge within a systematic and coherent body of Human Services knowledge.

SKILLS

Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will have:

- 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 Human Services will have:

- cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise human services knowledge and identify and provide solutions to complex problems
- cognitive skills to think critically and to generate and evaluate complex ideas related to the human services discipline
- specialised technical and creative skills in human services
- communication skills to demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts
- effective written, oral and interpersonal communication skills to transfer complex knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences, including clients and their families and other professionals
- critical reasoning skills, with a particular focus on team work that applies that knowledge using current best practice, with a multi-disciplinary human services perspective
- critical inquiry and creative innovation skills informed by current 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 Human Services 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 multi-disciplinary contexts
- 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
- to work effectively with diverse groups of people in a wide range of organisations within the human services discipline and to contribute to the social and economic structures to improve the quality of people's lives.

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