

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 Mental Health Practice will have specialised knowledge in the field of mental health including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contemporary mental health theories and models of mental health care • current mental health policy and service models and the impact of these on the lives of people with mental illness • consumer and carer lived experience of mental illness and implications for mental health practice. 	
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 Mental Health Practice will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cognitive and technical skills to review and analyse frameworks and theories from a variety of perspectives to inform and integrate into mental health practice resulting in improved outcomes for consumers • cognitive, technical and creative skills to access and utilise evidence based literature to critically conceptualise issues to provide solutions to complex issues in mental health practice • communicate skills to transfer complex ideas effectively in interprofessional team environments demonstrating good interpersonal and written skills • communication to demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts in mental health practice • communication skills to establish and maintain effective therapeutic relationships with people experiencing mental illness. 	

**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 Mental Health Practice will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- to make high level judgements and analyse about personal mental health practice through the integration and application of current mental health theories and models of care
- initiate and plan a range of assessments to identify consumer needs and plan, develop, implement and evaluate effective and evidence based intervention strategies to achieve optimum outcomes for mental health consumers
- with responsibility and accountability to integrate knowledge and self-reflection to support ethical and accountable professional practice
- to work collaboratively with consumers, carers and other professionals to provide current and evidence based mental health support and intervention.