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The Directors of the Australian Medical Council confirm the accreditation of the University of Adelaide, Faculty of Health Sciences' medical program to 31 March 2018

The Australian Medical Council is the national accreditation body for the medical profession. It has recently completed a follow-up assessment of the University of Adelaide, Faculty of Health Sciences' medical program, as required by the AMC's 2011 reaccreditation assessment of the program.

The Faculty of Health Sciences offers a six-year, school-leaver entry Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) program. The program is delivered at the University of Adelaide's main campus located adjacent to the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Students gain experience at clinical sites across Adelaide and regional South Australia.

In 2011, the AMC conducted a reaccreditation assessment of the medical program and found that the program substantially met the accreditation standards. The AMC Directors granted accreditation for a period of three years to 31 December 2014 subject to conditions, annual progress reports and a follow-up assessment in 2014 to assess progress against the accreditation conditions, as outlined in the AMC's 2011 report executive summary available online [here](#).

The 2014 follow-up assessment team considered written material from the Faculty and the Adelaide Medical Students' Society, and in September 2014 the team visited the Faculty and associated clinical teaching sites. The team met University representatives and Faculty staff, students and clinicians, and prepared its report against the accreditation standards.

The AMC accreditation report finds that the Faculty meets the approved accreditation standards, and has satisfied all conditions on accreditation arising from the 2011 assessment. The Faculty has dedicated significant resources to address the issues identified in 2011, addressing structural, curriculum and resourcing issues comprehensively. Curriculum developments, including the patient safety curriculum and the enhanced profile of cultural competency enhanced through the work of the Yaitya Purrana Indigenous Health Unit are commended. The improved teaching and student facilities, and the planned opening of the new medical school building co-located with the new Royal Adelaide Hospital will support high quality teaching. As with all accreditation assessments, the AMC has made a number of recommendations for further improvement of the program. These relate to curriculum mapping, the recruitment of Indigenous students, and enhancing equivalence of teaching at the School's diverse clinical sites.

On the basis of the report, the AMC Directors at their 11 March 2015 meeting agreed that the Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery program of the University of Adelaide, Faculty of Health Sciences meets the approved accreditation standards and granted accreditation to 31 March 2018 subject to conditions, as outlined in the 2014 executive summary (available [here](#)).

The AMC congratulates the Faculty on the significant work accomplished since 2011.

The AMC will continue to monitor the medical program through reports on conditions and annual progress reports.

The AMC presents accreditation decisions and reports to the Medical Board of Australia to make a decision on the approval of the programs of study for registration purposes. The Medical Board of Australia details its decisions about accredited programs of study in communiqués published on its [website](#) following each meeting.

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