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The Directors of the Australian Medical Council grant reaccreditation to the Bond University, Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine's medical programs

The Australian Medical Council is the national accreditation body for the medical profession. It has recently completed a reaccreditation assessment of the Bond University, Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine's medical programs.

Bond University was established as Australia's first private university in 1989. The medical program was first granted AMC accreditation in 2004, and in 2015, the University underwent its first reaccreditation assessment.

The 2015 reaccreditation assessment included the existing five-year Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) program and the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program, which commenced in 2016. The accreditation team considered written material from the Faculty and the Students' Society of Bond University, before visiting the Faculty and associated clinical teaching sites in May 2015. 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 medical program is supported by enthusiastic and committed clinical supervisors, and provides a wide variety of clinical teaching facilities and models of care. The Faculty is commended on its Indigenous Health curriculum, including the Cultural Immersion Program, which provides an excellent platform for further Indigenous Health learning activities. The Faculty offers an innovative range of teaching and learning methods aligned to the learning needs of students at different stages of the program. The Bond Virtual Hospital is an outstanding example of innovation in teaching and learning.

In 2016, the School will undertake a review of the program's committee structures and the program's relationship to the broader Faculty. The School will also complete work required to fully implement the new MD degree. This includes finalising graduate outcomes which are consistent with the AMC graduate outcome statements and defining objectives for the new MD project. A framework will be developed to guide the program's monitoring and evaluation activities. As the MD program is fully implemented the School will evaluate program outcomes in order to inform student selection, curriculum, assessment and student support.

On the basis of the team's report, the AMC Directors 19 October 2015 meeting agreed that the medical programs of the Bond University, Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine meet the approved accreditation standards.

These programs are:

- Doctor of Medicine (MD)
- Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) (accreditation of the MBBS will cease 31 December 2017 as the School will withdraw the MBBS by the end of 2016)

Accreditation is granted to 31 March 2022 subject to conditions, as outlined in the 2015 executive summary (available [here](#)).

The AMC will continue to monitor the Faculty's progress through reports on conditions and 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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