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## **The Directors of the Australian Medical Council grant accreditation to the Griffith University, School of Medicine's medical programs to 31 March 2021**

The Australian Medical Council is the national accreditation body for the medical profession. It has recently completed a reaccreditation assessment of the Griffith University, School of Medicine's medical programs.

The School of Medicine offers a four-year graduate-entry medical program. Previously a Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) program, in 2014 the award changed to a Doctor of Medicine (MD). Continuing MBBS students in Years 2, 3 and 4 were able to transfer to the MD.

The program is delivered at the University's Gold Coast Parklands campus and at the School's five clinical schools located across the Gold Coast, greater Brisbane and rural Queensland.

The 2014 reaccreditation assessment team considered written material from the School and the Griffith University Medicine Society, and in August 2014 the team visited the School and associated clinical teaching sites. The team met University representatives and School staff, students and clinicians, and prepared its report against the accreditation standards.

The AMC accreditation report finds that the medical program is supported by committed and enthusiastic clinical supervisors and provides excellent teaching resources. The curriculum is comprehensive and well-integrated, and assessment practises are thorough and well-blueprinted. There are outstanding co-located academic and clinical facilities at the Gold Coast campus and Gold Coast University Hospital, and the collaborative arrangements with co-located medical schools are a credit to all involved.

The AMC requires that education providers submit regular progress reports on their accredited medical programs, addressing the accreditation standards. The School will also be asked to report on areas where conditions have been set on the accreditation or recommendations made to improve areas of the program, including the implementation of strategies being developed to improve Indigenous health educational expertise in the program, and an overarching First Peoples' health (Indigenous health) curriculum.

On the basis of the team's report, the AMC Directors 11 March 2015 meeting agreed that the medical programs of the Griffith University, School of Medicine meet the approved accreditation standards. These programs are:

- Doctor of Medicine (MD)
- Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) (N.B. 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 2021 subject to conditions, as outlined in the 2014 executive summary (available [here](#)).

The AMC will continue to monitor the School'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.

### **Response from the Griffith University, School of Medicine on the 2014 AMC assessment**

The School of Medicine, Griffith University is delighted with the report and outcome of its 10 year reaccreditation review and visit by the Australian Medical Council (AMC).

“The accreditation of the MD program to 2021 is a vindication of this highly innovative medical program,” said Dean of Medicine, Professor Simon Broadley.

“We are very pleased that the AMC team have commented on and commended the School staff and our clinical partners for their commitment and dedication to the education of our students.

“This accreditation will permit the School to continue to further develop the curriculum and introduce further innovations, particularly in the area of First Peoples health.

“The School thoroughly enjoyed the collegial approach of the AMC review team and is very pleased to see that many of the innovative developments that have been implemented at Griffith were viewed very positively by the team.”

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