

Communiqué

November 2019

November 2019 Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee meeting

The Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee (the Committee) undertakes accreditation functions for Chinese medicine in the national scheme regulating health practitioners.

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Accreditation Committee activities

The 42nd meeting of the Committee was held on 14 and 15 November 2019 in Melbourne.

The Committee has worked hard on completing the 2019 routine annual monitoring cycle, to ensure education providers and their programs continue to meet the approved accreditation standards for the health profession and that students graduate with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes necessary to register as a practitioner.

The November meeting was the final meeting for 2019 and the Committee will reconvene in March 2020.

Committee membership

Dr Jian Sheng (Jerry) Zhang was invited to the Committee meeting lunch to celebrate the completion of his 7-year term and to receive his certificate of recognition for his invaluable and highly regarded contributions during his time on the Committee.



Dr Jian Sheng (Jerry) Zhang, Simon Spence (Manager, Program Accreditation) and via Skype, Dr Meeuwis Boelen (Chair, Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee).

Accreditation Committee members

- Dr Meeuwis Boelen
Chair and educationalist member
- Mrs Suzi (Shu Yi) Mansu
Practitioner member with academic experience
- Mr David Schievenin
Practitioner member with academic experience
- Dr Wei Hong (Angela) Yang
Practitioner member with academic experience
- Associate Professor Christopher Zaslowski
Educationalist member

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) provides the operational, advisory and secretariat functions for the Committee via its Program Accreditation Team.

Accreditation standards for Chinese medicine

The Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing, and the Board is responsible for approving and publishing, the accreditation standards against which education providers and their implementation of Chinese medicine programs of study are assessed against when applying for accreditation under the National Law.

The Committee considered, discussed and provided feedback on the implementation plan of the revised accreditation standards (2019 accreditation standards). The Board is expected to approve the 2019 accreditation standards and the revised professional capabilities for registered Chinese medicine practitioners in late 2019, with it being anticipated that both documents will become effective in mid-2020. The Committee will continue to discuss its implementation plan for the 2019 accreditation standards at its March 2020 meeting.

The 2019 accreditation standards will replace the current (2013) accreditation standards and continue to provide for the protection of the public by ensuring that only graduates with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes necessary to practise in a competent and ethical manner qualify for registration in the profession.

Routine Annual Monitoring (2019)

The Committee has worked tirelessly to review and complete the evaluation of the submissions from education providers for the routine annual monitoring (RAM) 2019 cycle. The Committee would like to thank the education providers for providing their documentation in line with the set deadlines and for helping to ensure it was a smooth process. The Committee will provide the outcomes from their evaluation of the RAMs to education providers and the Board.

The Committee looks forward to continuing their work alongside education providers in 2020 to ensure student Chinese medicine practitioners graduate with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes necessary to practise in a competent and ethical manner and qualify for registration in the profession.

Contact information

For any queries related to Chinese medicine program accreditation, please contact the Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee via the Program Accreditation Team via email at program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au.

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