

The Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) held its Board of Directors' Meeting on 16 October 2023

CCEA held its second set of face-to-face meetings from 15 to 17 October 2023 at the Gold Coast following the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) Biennial Congress. Along with these meetings, consultation workshops and a feedback session were held with stakeholders regarding the Accreditation and Competency Standards currently under review.

Governance

The CCEA Board considered the following at its October meeting:

- The current year (2023-24) finance report, including budget, variances and forecast.
- Reporting across all statutory requirements.
- Review of the status of contracts.
- New or revised documentation was approved including:
 - Risk Management Framework and Policy;
 - Workplace Health and Safety Policy and Procedures;
 - Investment Policy; and
 - Privacy Policy.
- Continuous improvement in cyber security.
- Privacy training for directors and staff scheduled for November 2023.
- Engagement and collaboration with stakeholders via important domestic and international forums, including the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF) and the Councils on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI).

Dr Terry Crisp was reappointed as CCEA Chairperson and Dr Lyndon Amorin-Woods continues as Deputy Chairperson. Dr Amorin-Woods was also re-elected to the Accreditation Committee for another term. Dr Ken Lorme and Dr Omar Pervez have joined the Chiropractic Overseas Assessment Committee (COAC) as new members. We would like to thank Dr Anneliese Hulme and Dr Barrett Losco for their work and commitment as outgoing COAC members.



Dr Terry Crisp, CCEA Chairperson

Program accreditation activity

- The chair of the Accreditation Committee, Dr Sonya Fogerty, briefed the Board on accreditation activity.
- Consideration was given to the status of all accredited programs.
- Annual reports, progress reports and a notification of material change were considered.
- It was noted that RMIT University has decided to discontinue its dedicated undergraduate program in chiropractic.
- CCEA will conduct a special site visit to Australian Chiropractic College in December 2023 to look at the implementation of clinical training for the new program. A full site visit is planned for mid-2024.
- Following the submission of self-evaluation reports by Macquarie University and Murdoch University, the CCEA Board approved the progression to site visits in March 2024.
- The establishment of new programs in Asia was noted.

Qualification and skills assessment

- The chair of COAC, Dr Marina Fox, briefed the Board on skills assessment for overseas qualified chiropractors.
- Assessor training and exam review and development remains a focus for COAC.

- The project to develop online cultural safety training for overseas qualified chiropractors is underway.
- The revised Candidate Guide has been published on the CCEA website. This is a valuable tool for candidates, assisting them with the preparation of an application and for sitting the Competency Based Assessment.

Accreditation and Competency Standards project

- CCEA is reviewing and developing the Accreditation and Competency Standards as a part of its commitment to continuous quality improvement and best practice.
- Following the WFC Biennial Congress, stakeholder consultation workshops were held on 15 and 16 October 2023 with a feedback session on 17 October.
- CCEA would like to thank stakeholders for their engagement and valuable input.
- Further opportunities to give feedback will be provided to stakeholders and the public.