

ACCREDITATION ROLE IN IMPROVING ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH OUTCOMES



In 2018, the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum) is undertaking a thematic review to understand the role accreditation plays in improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes and producing a culturally safe health workforce.

THEMATIC REVIEW

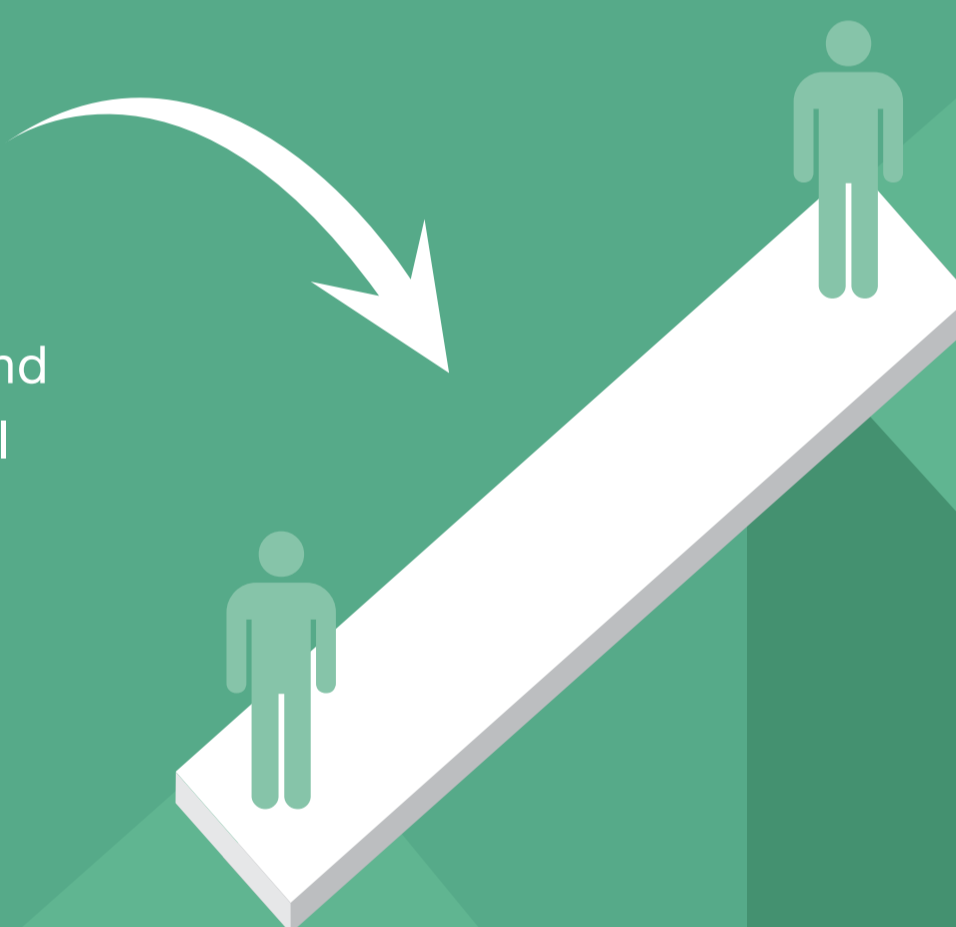


THE FORUM

The Forum is working collaboratively to better understand how programs of study affect the health outcomes of Indigenous Australians and the prior role accreditation plays in 'Closing the Gap'.

CLOSE THE GAP

'Close the Gap' is a strategy marking a new approach to achieving equity in health status and life expectancy between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians.



QUESTIONS ASKED ACROSS

740 PROGRAMS **and** **338** PROVIDERS

IN AUSTRALIA ALONE

AIM

Aims to inform the next steps for accreditation authorities in improving health outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

ESTABLISH BASELINE DATA ON THE EXTENT HEALTH PRACTITIONER PROGRAMS:



Support students identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People and/or Maori.

Produce future health practitioners who are culturally safe.



KEY FACTS

LIFE EXPECTANCY OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES



69.1 YEARS FOR MEN
10.6 years younger than non-Indigenous counterparts



73.7 YEARS FOR WOMEN
9.5 years younger than non-Indigenous counterparts

MORTALITY RATE

Deaths before the age of 65



65% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander



19% Non-indigenous Australians



Indigenous Australians experienced a burden of disease **2.3 times** the rate of non-Indigenous Australians in 2011.



Burden of disease for chronic respiratory diseases is **2.5 times higher** for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.



15,585 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in universities – **1.6% of all domestic enrollments.**

ABOUT THE FORUM

- Established in 2007.
- Coalition of appointed accreditation authorities for all regulated health professions.
- Includes the Australian Dental Council, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee, Australian Medical Council and Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia.
- Contributing to the development of health practitioners with the skills and knowledge to protect and advance the health and wellbeing of all Australians by setting the standards for education and training of health practitioners.

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