

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE GROUP MEMBERS

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council is seeking members to join the Professional Reference Group for the review and development of Midwife Accreditation Standards

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) is the independent accrediting authority for nursing and midwifery education under Australia's National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. ANMAC helps to protect the health and safety of the Australian community by establishing high-quality standards of nursing and midwifery education, training and assessment. ANMAC is responsible for facilitating the development of content for accreditation Standards in consultation with our stakeholders and representatives from the professions. ANMAC is also responsible for determining whether programs of study for nurses and midwives seeking to practice in Australia meet the required accreditation standards.

The Professional Reference Group (PRG)

PRG Members are expected to have an understanding of:

- ANMAC's role in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme in Australia.
- Curriculum development for the education of midwifery students
- Midwife standards for practice and their application within education
- the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Curriculum Framework and application of the Framework in ANMAC's Accreditation Standards.

The PRG will provide advice to ANMAC on the review and development of ANMAC Midwife Accreditation Standards used for the assessment and monitoring of midwifery education programs leading to registration and endorsement.

Time commitment

The term of membership will be the length of time taken to review and develop the Midwife Accreditation Standards and will be documented within the project plan provided to the Professional Reference Group. The review is expected to continue throughout 2019.

Arrangement by ANMAC to support Committee members

ANMAC:

- provides support, induction and training for new Professional Reference Group members

- pays a sitting fee to members for attendance at face-to-face meetings
- arranges and meets the cost of travel, accommodation and associated funds for attendance at face-to-face meetings

Expressing interest in a position

We welcome expressions of interest for the following positions by **COB 31 January 2019**

1. Senior Midwifery Academic
2. Dean/Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery Education Sector (Metropolitan)
3. Dean/Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery Education Sector (Regional)
4. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Midwifery Academic
5. Senior Registered Midwife Clinician

To express an interest in one of the above positions:

1. review the Term of Reference (attached)
2. provide a summary addressing why you would like to be considered for the position (max: 750 words)
3. provide a short Curriculum Vitae
4. complete the Registration of Interest Form (attached)

ANMAC will approach the following organisations for nominees for the remainder of positions for the Professional Reference Group:

- Australian and New Zealand Council of Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers to represent workforce and all jurisdictions
- Maternity Choices Australia
- Maternity Consumer Network
- Australian College of Midwives
- Representative from the Health Professions Accreditation Council Forum

Nominee from the Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation

ANMAC will treat the information in the registration form and in any attached documents confidentially and used only to assist in its short listing and appointment process.

We anticipate reviewing the expressions of interest received and deciding on appointment within one month of the closing date.

Registration Form - Professional Reference Group Member

Name:

Postal Address:

Mobile Phone Number:

Work Phone Number:

Email Address:

Please send your expression of interest to:

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Office of the CEO

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PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE GROUP MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE:

Provide recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer of ANMAC on the review and development of ANMAC Accreditation Standards used for the assessment and monitoring of nursing and midwifery education programs leading to registration and endorsement.

OBJECTIVES:

The Professional Reference Group is established to achieve the following objectives:

To provide advice to the CEO of ANMAC in relation to the review and development of ANMAC's Accreditation Standards regarding:

- Profession and workforce issues in relation to education of students
- Health policy
- Interface between the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Curriculum and the program curriculum.

To Assist ANMAC in understanding and responding to external policies that impact on ANMAC's functions including:

- changes in whole of government policy that impact on health professional regulation, accreditation and education
- Future requirements of midwifery education and midwifery practice.

Analyse and interpret feedback from stakeholder consultation to support the review and development of Accreditation Standards.

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- Midwife Standards for Practice and their application within education
- the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Curriculum Framework and application of the Framework in ANMAC's Accreditation Standards.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Chair of the ANMAC Midwife Accreditation Committee
- Senior Midwifery Academic
- Dean/Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery Education Sector (metropolitan and regional members)
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Midwife Academic
- Senior Midwife Clinician

- Nominee from Australian and New Zealand Council of Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers to represent workforce and all jurisdictions
- Nominee to represent consumers x 2
- Nominee from the Health Professions Accreditation Council Forum
- Nominee from the Australian College of Midwives
- Nominee from the Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Chief Executive Officer ANMAC
- Director of Accreditation Services
- Associate Director of Accreditation Services
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

TERM:

The term of membership will be the length of time taken to review and develop the accreditation standard and will be documented within the project plan provided to the Professional Reference Group at the time of induction.

MEETINGS:

As scheduled in the project plan and as required.

QUORUM:

A quorum will consist of half the members plus one (1).

SECRETARIAT:

Manager – Accreditation Services

Administration Officer – Accreditation Services

REPORT TO:

Chief Executive Officer of ANMAC.

EVALUATION:

Evaluation will be conducted at the conclusion of the review and development of the Accreditation Standards for the purposes of quality improvement of ANMAC processes.