



Australian College of Nursing Quality Policy

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Quality Objectives

The Australian College of Nursing's Quality Objectives are to:

- a. facilitate the education and continuing professional development of nurses and other healthcare professionals;
- b. provide opportunity for and administration of grants, trusts and awards to further nursing and health professional scholarship;
- c. contributing to a professional framework which enhances the practice, leadership and progression of nursing and healthcare nationally and internationally;
- d. initiate, encourage and support research to seek solutions to issues and problems relevant to nursing and healthcare practice and the health of the community in general and taking action on such problems and issues;
- e. foster and maintain links with other nursing and allied organisations or relevant groups through co-operation or affiliation;
- f. act in an advisory role and provide a consultative service on the process and outcomes of nursing and health policy development and research at national and state levels in order to improve the health care of the community;
- g. provide educational programs, courses, activities and events focused on nursing practice, professional aspects and clinical education, that support, enhance and improve the capabilities of current and future nurse leaders, including both non-award and award programs, as well as opportunities to network with luminary nurse leaders;
- h. maintain compliance with all education accreditation authorities
- i. meet funding body contractual obligations, through effective application of the Quality Management System (QMS);
- j. ensure that personnel have appropriate qualifications and competencies to perform their assigned tasks and functions to the required standard;
- k. allocate appropriate resources to ensure effective and efficient delivery of ACN's QMS;
- l. ensure that ACN's Quality System policies, processes and procedures meet ISO 9001:2015 Quality Standard requirements;
- m. ensure ACN's staff understand QMS policies, processes and procedures;
- n. ensure that ACN staff are kept informed of changes in relevant standards, legislation, accreditation and industry requirements; and
- o. monitor, analyse and review performance for continual quality improvement.

Commitment

ACN's CEO and Executive Leadership Team are committed to maintaining consistent high standards of quality ACN services to stakeholders and are committed to continual improvement and meeting the requirements and of the QMS through the pursuit of our Quality Objectives.

The CEO is committed to the communication and implementation of this policy. All staff are encouraged to strive to achieve quality outcomes in accordance with this policy.

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