Graduate Certificate of Alcohol and Drug Studies (GCAD) - GradCertAlcDrugSt

	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year part-time, 2 years part-time maximum

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Program aims

The Graduate Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Studies is available to graduates of medical, nursing, psychology and other allied health disciplines. The program has been designed to provide graduates from medical, allied health (including psychology) and nursing degrees with core skills to respond to substance misuse in a range of health settings, including those which focus on psychological health, mental health nursing, medical practice, social work, occupational therapy, and Indigenous health settings. The primary aim is to improve knowledge and expertise across a range of health disciplines, regardless of location, by improving training access for the rural-remote sector as well as those wishing to study via the distance education mode for other reasons. Because the range of disciplines varies within the allied health cluster, the assessment schemes will offer opportunities for students to develop knowledge and skills pertinent to their practice specialisations..

Program objectives

On completion of the award, students will be able to:

- understand the various types and administration routes of psychoactive substances, and the individual and systemic factors that contribute to substance misuse
- conduct a thorough assessment for substance misuse based on generic and discipline specific assessment needs
- conduct an appropriately targeted brief counselling intervention, following evidence-based approaches for the substance using population
- recognise and respond to lapses and manage relapse prevention.

Admission requirements

For admission into the Graduate Certificate, applicants must:

- have completed a Bachelor's degree from a recognised university.

Domestic and International Applicants from a non-English speaking background are required to satisfy English language requirements.

If you do not meet the English language requirements you may apply to study a University-approved English language program. On successful completion of the English language program, Applicants may be admitted to an Award Program.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a student contribution amount, which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Finder. Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called HECS-HELP.

Domestic full fee paying place

Recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, distance education or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

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PSY5010 Assessment for Substance Misuse			1	1			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCAD or PDPP
PSY5020 Motivational Interviewing			1	1			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCAD or PDPP
PSY5030 Introduction to Psychoactive Drugs			1	2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCAD or PDPP
PSY5040 Relapse Prevention			1	2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCAD or PDPP