

Terms of Reference

National Enrolled Nursing Advisory Council (NENAC)

Purpose

The National Enrolled Nursing Advisory Council (NENAC) is the peak body within Australia representing the public tertiary education sector, in all state and territories, which offer nursing, health, community and aged care programs.

NENAC aims to be the voice of vocational education and training (VET) for enrolled nursing, health, community and aged care. It provides nationally represented strategic comment and advice to both regulatory and core nursing and midwifery organisations on relevant policy and strategy matters relating to enrolled nursing, including courses that transition into and from enrolled nursing programs.

NENAC leads and represents those who provide education to the health and enrolled nursing workforce and promotes the public image of enrolled nursing education. Members meet in a collegial environment to support each other and discuss issues and developments in the disciplines of enrolled nursing, health, community and aged care education. Members will take opportunities to benchmark and share resources.

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1. Engage, collaborate and provide strategic advice and recommendations on:
 - key policy issues relating to enrolled nursing
 - issues related to regulation, accreditation and education of enrolled nurses
 - changes within the public tertiary education sector that impact on nursing education
 - workforce issues impacting on health, community and aged care sectors
 - research and best practice in enrolled nursing, health, community and aged care
 - courses and pathways that transition into and from enrolled nurse programs
2. Provide strategic advice to regulatory, accreditation and professional bodies, including but not limited to Chief Nurse, ANMAC, AHPRA, NMBA, ACN, ANMF, CATSINaM, APNA, ASQA, NNMEAN, CDN, DEEWR, LASA, ACSA, NMMSG, CoNNMO, HSSO, Early Educators, Health and Human Services Industry Cluster etc.
3. Consult and collaborate with the Human Services Skills Organisation (HSSO) and maintain representation at future industry cluster communities of practice
4. Consult and engage with local state/territory governments and chief nurses
5. Inform and contribute to national VET reform agendas, to ensure a strong and nationally united voice, including the review and development of relevant training packages

6. Support employers, businesses and industry to connect and engage with public tertiary education providers and VET pathways and programs, initiatives and events to assist with workforce shortages and demands
7. Provide responses, comments, recommendations on reports, reviews into health, community and aged care sectors
8. Raise the profile of enrolled nurses in the health, community and aged care workforce
9. Provide a forum for discussion regarding issues on matters which effect enrolled nursing, health, community and aged care education and workforce
10. Provide a national platform for collaboration, benchmarking, resource and information sharing across and within jurisdictions to enable best practice teaching and learning practices
11. Receive reports from members who are representing NENAC or TDA on committees and to provide those members with feedback or a collective view on matters raised.

Membership

Public tertiary education provider representation from all states and territories in Australia. NENAC Members will ideally be a registered nurse with leadership or management of enrolled nurse courses, to enable contribution to strategic discussions on issues impacting health and nursing. Members should have decision making capacity to enable progress of agreed actions.

A representative with extensive knowledge on enrolled nursing may be appointed to act in an advisory capacity to the Council. This representative does not have voting rights.

Meetings

- NENAC will meet monthly
- The chair and deputy chair will rotate through the participating public tertiary education providers every two (2) years
- The group will meet through video conferencing and be supported administratively by TDA
- Members can send a proxy in their absence
- Members will liaise with relevant persons/organisations as required
- A summary of outcomes, decisions and actions will be tabled, and decisions made by majority agreement

Quorum

A quorum for the meeting shall consist of half the members, plus one.

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