

Enrolled nurse entry pathways

ANMAC has been advised by providers of accredited Diploma of Nursing programs that some of their students will not complete their final professional experience placement until January or February 2023. This will delay completion of their program and registration with NMBA as an enrolled nurse. Some of these students have offers to enter entry to practice registered nurse programs via an enrolled nurse pathway in semester 1 2023.

Standard 2.4 in the Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards requires: *All program entry pathways for which students receive block credit or advanced standing (other than on an individual basis) are identified, approved by ANMAC and allow graduates to meet the NMBA Registered nurse standards for practice. The essential evidence required to meet Registered Nurse Accreditation standard 2.4 includes: Documented processes verifying all students entering the program through an enrolled nurse pathway hold NMBA registration as an enrolled nurse.*

Following discussion with education providers and ANMAC, the NMBA has agreed to facilitate graduates from approved Diploma of Nursing programs to enter Enrolled Nurse pathways in entry to practice Registered Nurse programs by permitting a temporary suspension of the Enrolled Nurse registration requirement.

The NMBA has agreed that the requirement for the Enrolled Nursing graduate to be registered with the NMBA be suspended for entry into programs commencing in 2023 for graduates from NMBA approved Enrolled Nurse programs who are wanting to enrol in an NMBA approved Registered Nurse program who meet the following requirements.

The Enrolled Nursing graduate must provide evidence to the Registered Nurse education provider:

- a. of successful program completion
- b. that they have made an application to the NMBA for registration
- c. successful registration with the NMBA by the relevant University census date.

This provision is for semester 1 2023 and only applies to graduates from ANMAC accredited / NMBA approved Diploma of Nursing programs.

Please contact ANMAC at accreditation@anmac.org.au if you have any queries.

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