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Introduction

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) recognise that the expiry of an accreditation period requires both thought and careful management to ensure that students enrolled in an accredited program are not disadvantaged.

Clearly, the most appropriate option is to enable students to transition into the equivalent point in a new program. However, it is acknowledged that it is not always possible to transition students because of major changes to a new program or for other reasons. In this instance, a 'teach-out' arrangement is needed where the student may complete the program they entered, despite the fact that its accreditation may have expired. The ANMAC Board has developed a policy on these 'teach-out' arrangements and has discussed it with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) who support this policy.

The length of the 'teach-out' period is related to the length of the program and is time limited. The 'teach-out' period is designed to be a reasonable period that will enable a student to complete or transition at a later date and not lose their opportunity to register with NMBA with a qualification from an accredited nursing or midwifery program of study.

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Principles:

- Students enrolled in an accredited program should be given the opportunity to transition into a currently accredited program when the accreditation of the program they were enrolled in expires.
- If the newly accredited program varies to the extent that transition is not practical or possible, students should be given the opportunity to remain enrolled in their existing program for a reasonable period even though the active accreditation status of the program has expired. This is known as a 'teach-out' arrangement.
- New students cannot be enrolled in programs where the accreditation period has expired.
- The length of the 'teach-out' period for each program is related to the length of the program based on a student being enrolled on a full-time basis. For example:
 - Programs of 12 months or less: Length of program after expiry + ½ the length of the program;
 - Programs of 18 months: Length of program + ½ the length of program from beginning of 5th year of accreditation;
 - Programs of 2 years: Length of program + ½ the length of program from beginning of 5th year of accreditation;
 - Programs of 3 years: Length of program + ½ the length of program from beginning of 5th year of accreditation
 - Programs of 4 years (e.g. dual degrees): Length of program + ¼ the length of program from beginning of 5th year of accreditation.