

Qualification Title New Zealand Diploma in Acute Prescribing with Homeopathy (Level 5)

Qualification number 2986

Date of review 6 October 2021

This report refers to graduates awarded this qualification prior to **31 December 2020**

Final decision on consistency of the qualification National consistency is confirmed

Threshold

The threshold to determine sufficiency with the graduate profile was determined as evidence of graduates being able to;

- Treat clients with acute conditions using homeopathic principles,
- Prescribe homeopathic remedies for acute conditions,
- Work ethically and professionally to ensure legal responsibilities are met in the homeopathic setting,
- Differentiate indispositions and acute and chronic states for client safety using knowledge of aetiology and symptomology,
- Apply knowledge of homeopathic principles of disease processes to clients and, where necessary, make referral to appropriate health professionals in a healthcare setting; and
- Communicate effectively and safely about a range of health issues and homeopathy with clients and other healthcare providers.

Note: The participants agreed that the threshold was the same as the qualification graduate profile outcomes.

Education Organisations with sufficient evidence

The following education organisations have been found to have sufficient evidence.

MOE Number	Education Organisation	Final rating
8479	Bay of Plenty College of Homeopathy Ltd	Sufficient

Introduction

The purpose of this level 5, 120-credit Diploma is to provide communities in New Zealand with people who are able to apply theoretical and technical knowledge to acute prescribing with homeopathy.

Graduates will be able to work as a member of an integrative health team in a variety of homeopathic settings, such as natural health stores, pharmacy retail, or homeopathic clinics. They will have some responsibility for the management of learning and performance of others.

Further study in this field can be pursued through the New Zealand Diploma in Homeopathy (Level 6) with strands in Human Health, and Animal Health [Ref: 3912].

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This qualification was developed by Bay of Plenty College of Homeopathy Limited (the qualification owner) in consultation with industry and other education organisations. A qualification review was conducted in late 2020. No changes were required, and a new version (version 2) was published in February 2021.

There was one education organisation with 40 graduates from their programme of study during the reporting period. The consistency review was held online on 6 October, 2021 and was attended by a representative of the education organisation, the qualification owner, with additional observers from another provider and NZQA.

Evidence

The education organisation provided a range of evidence to demonstrate that their graduates met the graduate profile outcomes.

The criteria used to judge the evaluation question were;

- The nature, quality and integrity of the evidence presented by the education organisation,
- How well the organisation has analysed, interpreted and validated the evidence, and used the understanding gained to achieve actual or improved consistency; and
- The extent to which the education organisation can reasonably justify and validate claims and statements relating to the consistency of graduate outcomes, including in relation to other providers of programmes leading to the qualification.

The evidence included:

- The matrix showing the alignment of the programme components and assessments with the graduate profile,
- Moderation evidence, the report from NZQA's programme monitoring and the actions taken by the provider,
- Feedback from graduates, next level tutors and an employer,
- Destination data – both employment and education; and
- A support letter from the industry sector registration body (.

How well does the self-assessment and supporting evidence provided by the education organisation demonstrate that its graduates match the graduate outcomes at the appropriate threshold?

The education organisation provided good evidence related to their approved programme of study. This showed how the courses, learning outcomes and assessment activities were mapped against the qualification graduate profile outcomes. The programmes provides opportunities for learners to demonstrate their competency in a workplace environment during supervised practice.

Improving assessment and moderation processes has been, and continues to be, a focus for this provider. The action plan provided to NZQA provides assurance that the programme is being assessed at an appropriate level, assessments are valid and reliable, and robust moderation processes are being implemented.

The destination data showed that the majority of the respondents were self-employed and /or contributing to the health and wellbeing of their families and communities. Some graduates had progressed into further study at level 6 with the same provider. Their

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feedback showed they were prepared for study at this level and this was confirmed by their tutors. Feedback from an employer and the New Zealand Council of Homeopaths (NZCH), the professional body for New Zealand Homeopaths, confirmed that the graduates they had employed or registered as Acute Prescribers demonstrated the graduate profile outcomes in their work with clients.

The evidence was well analysed, interpreted and used to support the provider's conclusion that their graduates were demonstrating the graduate profile outcomes.

Overall, the self-assessment and supporting evidence supplied, demonstrates that their graduates meet the graduate outcomes at the determined threshold.

Special Focus (includes special focus on a strand or outcome) –

None

Issues and concerns

None

Recommendations to Qualification Developer

None

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