



AAQHC Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Members

It is nearly the end of another year and planning is underway for 2019.

The Council has had a busy year while working to establish links with other organisations.

2019 will see the launch of the updated Fellowship Program. This is designed to assist Quality Manager to attain Fellowship credentials and gain additional skills and knowledge to support them in their daily work.

The Council will once again have a planning day early in 2019. If any members would like to share ideas, please contact us via email aaqhc@aaqhc.org.au.

The Council wishes all members Season Greetings and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to 2019 and all the challenges that it brings.

Cheers
Robyn Quinn
President
AAQHC

"Quality in a service or product is not what you put into it. It is what the client or customer gets out of it."
~Peter Drucker

Fellowship Program

In response to enquiries and member feedback, AAQHC is planning to launch a revised application and assessment process for the Fellowship Program effective January 2019.

While the key elements of the assessment criteria will be retained, simplification of the evidence required to complete the Program will be implemented.

This revision has also considered the need to protect the credibility of the award process and aims to not diminish the importance of the award in terms of the recognition of the skills and competencies of current and future members.

Enquiries may be sent to aaghc@aaqhc.org.au.

What are the benefits of credentialing?

The award of Fellow signifies achievement of the highest standards set for AAQHC members. This will give you the confidence that you have the knowledge and skills to apply quality principles and provide advice at an executive/strategic level on continuous improvement and can demonstrate achievements in your professional role.

Undertaking the credentialing process provides access to a number of like-minded quality professionals for networking and collaboration of ideas.

Successful applicants also receive a certificate and are conferred to use the post-nominal of FAAQHC.

The Associate Fellow (AFAAQHC) credential is an entry level opportunity to have your skills, knowledge and qualifications assessed by peers in the quality arena. The process provides confidence that you understand the principles of continuous improvement and are applying these in your professional role.

For enquires go to www.aaqhc.org.au and look on the Credentialing tab where you will find all the information you require. For further information, please contact aaghc@aaqhc.org.au and one of the Credentialing Committee Members will be in contact with you.

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Contact us at

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Become a Member of AAQHC

Benefits of membership

- Newsletters
- AAQHC webpage
- Membership certificate
- Discounted rates for AAQHC and VHQA events
- Mentoring guide and access to AAQHC mentors
- Networking Events with other AAQHC members
- Guide to continuing professional development and log book
- Eligible to vote at AGM and be elected to AAQHC Council
- Eligible to advertise jobs at discounted rates
- Eligible to apply for Associate and Fellow credentials
- Eligible for AAQHC Recognition Awards

www.aaqhc.org.au

Australian College of Nursing Affiliation

AAQHC has established an affiliation with the Australian College of Nursing. The benefits to members of AAQHC are included as an **ACN Bronze Affiliate**:

- 10% discount on advertising in ACN publications
- \$190 worth of CareerLinks advertising
- Discounted Affiliate membership rate for all nurse employees/members (a saving of \$78 per *General* membership)
- 5% discount on all CPD courses
- 10% discount on ACN Endorsement services
- Partner logo on ACN Affiliate webpage

Promoting your quality initiatives – publish in the AAQHC Newsletter

Publication of articles in the AAQHC Newsletter is a great way to promote quality initiatives that have made a difference to the patient/consumer and/or family and promote your/your team's great work to a wider audience. The Newsletter is a mechanism to share ideas between quality staff across Australasia, however it needs your input to be successful.

If you have a great idea, thoughts on patient safety/quality and or an example of a quality initiative put pen to paper and send it through to the following address:

aaqhc@aaqhc.org.au

The secretariat will be closed from
21 December, 2018 to 21 January, 2019

The AAQHC 2019 Council

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