



AAQHC Newsletter

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*"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*

President's Message

Dear Members

This Newsletter contains updates for our members on the activities planned for 2019. The council held a strategic planning day on March 1, 2019 to review actions needed to support our members. A key focus will be on education, mentoring and credentialing activities for our members. As education support remains a key priority, activities will be directed at delivering webinars on topics that members have indicated are of the most interest to them.

As you have already read the Fellowship credentialing programme has been reviewed and refined to make it more accessible for our members. We will again offer 3 scholarships to our members which waives the application fee. Please apply to aaqhc@aaqhc.org.au by the 31st May 2019.

Remember our mentoring programme is a great way to gain advice, assistance from other quality managers. Apply to AAQHC.

Our sponsorship of Australian College of Nursing continues and this means that our members are entitled to a discount for the CPD course offered by the College. A great way to maintain your CPD points. We are also able to offer one free registration to the National Nursing Conference which will be held in Hobart in August. Again if you interested please send an email to AAQHC.

The annual membership will be \$205.00 from 1st July 2019. Council have agreed that to offset this increase members will be provided with free access to 3 of the planned webinars.. If you renew before June 30 the fee will remain at \$185.00 including the 3 webinars. The education dates will be published shortly
Please contact AAQHC if you have any suggestions on topics you would like to see in a webinar.

Regards

Robyn Quinn
President

AAQHC

Contact us at

aaqhc@aaqhc.org.au

So 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.

Access to 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 quality peers. 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 that you require. For further information, please contact aaqhc@aaqhc.org.au and a member of PDAC will contact you

The application fee is being covered for three members who wish to apply for a credentialing award by 31st May 2019.

Become a Member of AAQHC

Benefits of membership

- Newsletters
- AAQHC webpage
- Membership certificate
- Discounted rates for AAQHC events
- Mentoring guide and access to AAQHC mentors
- Networking events with other AAQHC members
- 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 include :

ACN Bronze Affiliates receive the following:

Discounted Affiliate membership rate for all nurse employees/members (a saving of \$78 per *General* membership)

5% discount on all CPD courses Website acn.edu.au for details on all the courses offered by the college Remember to state membership of AAQHC

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