

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING HELD
ON FRIDAY, 22 JULY 2022
AT 2.15 PM, IN ROOM RR 5-09, ROWLAND REES BUILDING,
CITY WEST CAMPUS

5/2022

Extract from the Minutes

**ITEM 6 – MATTERS FROM ACADEMIC STRATEGY, STANDARDS AND QUALITY
COMMITTEE (ASSQC) 5/2022**

6.1 UNISA ALLIED HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

**6.1.1 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REACCREDITATION REVIEW REPORT –
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN BREST IMAGING (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

2022/5/112 Academic Board resolved:

**to approve the reaccreditation of the Graduate Certificate in Breast Imaging until
2028 inclusive.**

**6.1.2 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REACCREDITATION REVIEW REPORT – MASTER
OF MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY AND GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL
SONOGRAPHY (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

2022/5/113 Academic Board resolved:

**to approve the reaccreditation of the of the Master of Medical Sonography and the
Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography programs until 2028 inclusive.**



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Memorandum

To: Academic Strategy, Standards and Quality Committee (ASSQC)

From: Professor Roger Eston
Executive Dean
UniSA Allied Health and Human Performance

Date: 16 June 2022

Subject: **A35a Program Reaccreditation Review Report**
Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (General/Cardiac/Vascular) (IGSO)
Master of Medical Sonography (General/Cardiac/Vascular) (IMSO)

PURPOSE

To seek Academic Strategy, Standards and Quality Committee's recommendation to Academic Board that the internal accreditation of the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (IGSO) and Master of Medical Sonography (IMSO) programs are extended until 2028.

DISCUSSION

The nested Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (IGSO) and Master of Medical Sonography (IMSO) programs are designed to provide medical radiation professionals and other health professionals with the mechanism to achieve an accredited professional competency in medical sonography. Both programs have three streams (Cardiac, Vascular and General sonography).

UniSA offers the only accredited programs in South Australia. However, as the programs are external, they compete with seven other providers in NSW, Queensland, and Victoria.

To become an accredited medical sonographer with the Australian Sonographers Accreditation Registry (ASAR) students are required to successfully complete the 36 units of their IGSO program in addition to; 2200 hours of practical scanning in a training position (IGSO General), 2000 vascular sonographic examinations (IGSO Vascular), 2000 cardiac sonographic examinations (IGSO Cardiac). If students wish to advance or extend their knowledge, they can enrol in the relevant IMSO for their stream.

Most graduates secure employment in their training workplace. Accredited sonographers are in high demand across Australia with an acknowledged workforce shortage in this area.

BACKGROUND

Professor Roger Eston, Executive Dean, and Associate Professor Shylie Mackintosh, Dean of Programs of Allied Health and Human Performance, endorsed the attached IMAP A35a Program Reaccreditation Report, on behalf of Academic Unit Board, for the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography and Master of Medical Sonography programs on 15 June 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Academic Strategy, Standards and Quality Committee recommend to Academic Board that the Graduate Diploma of Medical Sonography and the Master of Medical Sonography programs be reaccredited until 2028.

Professor Roger Eston
Executive Dean
UniSA Clinical and Health Sciences



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To: Academic Strategy, Standards and Quality Committee (ASSQC)

From: Professor Roger Eston
Executive Dean
UniSA Allied Health and Human Performance

Date: 16 June 2022

Subject: **A35a Program Reaccreditation Review Report**
Graduate Certificate in Breast Imaging (ICBR)

PURPOSE

To seek Academic Strategy, Standards and Quality Committee's recommendation to Academic Board that the internal accreditation of the Graduate Certificate in Breast Imaging (ICBR) program is extended until 2028.

DISCUSSION

Unique to UniSA, ICBR commenced in 2011. There are no other competitor programs in Australia where students complete four courses and achieve accreditation to perform breast sonography with the Australian Sonographers Accreditation Registry (ASAR) under a Breast Sonography category.

ICBR is designed to provide medical radiation professionals and other allied health professions with the mechanism to achieve an accredited professional competency and develop new skills and knowledge in the specialist area of breast ultrasound, with evidence of scanning experience in a clinical setting required to complete the program.

Graduates have high employment rates and are employed as accredited breast sonographers in public hospitals, private practices and government and private breast screening clinics.

BACKGROUND

Professor Roger Eston, Executive Dean, and Associate Professor Shylie Mackintosh, Dean of Programs of Allied Health and Human Performance, endorsed the attached IMAP A35a Program Reaccreditation Report, on behalf of Academic Unit Board, for the Graduate Certificate in Breast Imaging (ICBR) program on 15 June 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Academic Strategy, Standards and Quality Committee recommend to Academic Board that the Graduate Certificate in Breast Imaging program be reaccredited until 2028.

Professor Roger Eston
Executive Dean
UniSA Clinical and Health Sciences