

Fitness to Practice Requirements

The <u>Fitness to Practice (FTP) Procedure</u> applies to all students enrolled in Practical, Clinical and Professional (PCP) programs or units listed in <u>Schedule 3</u> of the <u>Academic Progression Policy</u>.

Students undertaking these programs and associated placements are required to demonstrate that they are fit to practice and compliant with mandatory, legislative or registration requirements.

Students need to demonstrate that they are able to practice safely and properly throughout their program to meet core learning outcomes.

Fitness to Practice is the demonstration of:

- required professional behaviours. **CONDUCT**: Students must ensure their conduct is within the bounds considered acceptable and worthy of membership of the profession
- required competence. **PERFORMANCE**: Students must demonstrate a performance standard consistent with professionally accepted standards
- freedom from impairment that may provide unacceptable additional risk. **HEALTH and/or DISABILITY**: Students must demonstrate awareness of their own health condition or disability and ensure any health condition or disability does not provide unacceptable additional risk to themselves or others, and
- compliance with eligibility requirements. **COMPLIANCE**: Students must be compliant with the relevant rules, regulations and standards for practicing as a student, provisional or full member of the profession.

Students must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the codes, guidelines, policies and any other directives specified by the program, University, employer or placement organisation and the professional or registering body. Students need to demonstrate that they have the aptitude, skills, knowledge and attitude expected of students appropriate to their stage of learning.

Students are required to demonstrate fitness to practice to achieve the program learning outcomes, to meet student registration, legislative or other mandatory requirements and to work toward future professional requirements.

Students identified at risk of not meeting Fitness to Practice requirements will be notified, provided with support and monitored to assist them in achieving the program and/or placement requirements.

Students who fail to meet Fitness to Practice requirements will be permanently excluded from the program.