



Australasian College of Dermatologists

Graduate Attributes

The Australasian College of Dermatologists in its role as an accredited Specialist Medical College and an accredited Higher education Provider, is committed to providing students participating in all its educational programs with a program of scholarship, advanced study and research. Such programs will enable students to make a *significant contribution to knowledge and practice in their professional dermatological context*.

In doing so, they may also contribute more generally to scholarship within the discipline of dermatology generally or in some specific area(s) of interest.

The ACD believes post-graduate students should be required to apply their research and study to problems, issues or other matters of substance which produce *significant benefits in professional practice* and to this end, all educational programs developed by the ACD are designed to encompass and provide opportunity for students to learn in environments that nurture the:

- scholarship of discovery;
- scholarship of integration;
- scholarship of application; and
- scholarship of teaching.

The College aims to produce graduates from all its educational programs of study with the following **overarching attributes**:

- **Scholars** capable of independent and collaborative enquiry, rigorous in their analysis, critique and reflection, and able to innovate by applying their knowledge and skills to the solution of novel as well as routine problems;
- **Entrepreneurial leaders** capable of initiating and embracing innovation and change, as well as engaging and enabling others to contribute to change;
- **Professionals** capable of ethical, self-directed practice and independent lifelong learning;
- **Global citizens** who are culturally adept and capable of respecting diversity and acting in a socially just and responsible way.

Attachment: ACD Graduate Attributes

More specifically, with regard to the principal educational domain of the College, specialist medical practice in the field of dermatology, the College aims to produce graduates who exhibit the following attributes:

Personal

- Apply analytical and critical thinking leading to creative problem solving.
- Commit to ethical practice and social responsibility.
- Engage in lifelong learning and reflective practice.

Applied Knowledge and Skills

- Utilise relevant and current information for decision making in their activities as a specialist dermatologist.
- Strategically plan and manage resources in the treatment and on going management of patients.
- Manage quality in their practice as independent decision makers.
- Manage risk associated with their practice as independent specialist.
- Lead and manage those in their charge.

Interactional Skills

- Communicate across a range of disciplines and communities
- Work within and contribute to local and international processes in the practice and ongoing development in the field of dermatology.
- Enhance collaborative and multidisciplinary teamwork.