

The Australian Pharmacy Council (APC)- the pharmacy equivalent of the Australian Medical Council- is conducting a credentialing of advanced practice pharmacists pilot program.

The APC is seeking medical practitioners to contribute to the program as **credentialing evaluators**.

The 48 pharmacists selected for the pilot program reflect the breadth of pharmacy practice and include hospital pharmacy, community pharmacy, education, research, industry and other pharmacy practice environments. Examples of the expert areas of practice include oncology, critical care, medicines management, mental health, clinical trials and leadership/management.

Credentialing panels will be made up of two pharmacists and a non-pharmacist subject matter expert, most likely a doctor or nurse/other allied health practitioner. The evaluator panels will evaluate pharmacists against the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework <http://advancedpharmacypractice.com.au/publications/> which identifies 30 competencies and performance against each competency at transition (Level 1), consolidation (Level 2) and advanced (Level 3).

Only those assessed at Level 3 will be awarded the credential of *Advanced Practice Pharmacist*.

It is likely that potential evaluators may be registrars or senior registrars and not necessarily consultants. It may be a good opportunity for those interested in medical education and competency assessment to demonstrate involvement in inter-professional education and assessment.

Commitments would include:

- Attending a one day training session. You will be paid \$429 for attending this day, and travel expenses would also be covered.
- Be prepared to commit 5- 6 hours a week over 5 weeks to evaluate portfolios, including reports and possible candidate interviews.
- Be remunerated at a rate of \$175 per portfolio review, with an expectation that you will evaluate 8 or 9 practice portfolios.
- Provide feedback to APC on your experience applying the advance pharmacy practice credentialing standards/policies/procedures when evaluating portfolios.
- Comply with APC's Conflict of interest policy.

APC would be grateful for any expressions of interest in joining this program as a credentialing evaluator. The pilot program is being conducted according to tight timelines.

For more information, or to submit an expression of interest (and CV) please contact Andrew Matthews, Director of Credentialing at the Australian Pharmacy Council on 02 6262 9628 or email:

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