

## Media release

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### NAPE supports Advanced Practice

The National Alliance for Pharmacy Education (NAPE) supports the rapid development of Advanced Practice as an important step in advancing the profession and enhancing healthcare within Australia. NAPE, a collaboration between The University of Queensland, The University of Sydney, University of South Australia and Monash University, has this week submitted a comprehensive response to the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework Steering Committee's (APPFSC) consultation paper. This paper can be seen at <http://www.nape.edu.au/docs/nape-response-to-consultation-may-2012.pdf>

Advanced Practice is defined as *“pharmacy practice that is so significantly different from that achieved at initial registration that it warrants recognition by professional peers and the public of the expertise of the practitioner and the education, training and experience from which that capability was derived.”*

In the development and credentialing of Advanced Practice roles in Australia, NAPE plans to contribute to and foster the development of rigorous, high quality, university-level education to assist current and future pharmacists on their journey to become Advanced Practitioners. NAPE is excited about further collaboration with APPFSC on an ongoing basis, as advanced practice for pharmacists is implemented, evaluated and accepted as a key component of the Australian healthcare system.

The four NAPE universities are well recognised for delivering a suite of high quality postgraduate programs which accelerate an individual's clinical knowledge, skill and application to a more advanced level. These programs include and build upon the highly popular NAPE Intern Training Program that is now offered through each University partner. NAPE believes that ready access to cutting edge university postgraduate award courses, including intern training programs, is crucial for pharmacists if they are to contribute effectively to health care delivery in Australia.

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