

Australian Teaching and Training Classification

The Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) is responsible for the development of the classification systems that provide the healthcare sector with a nationally consistent method of classifying all types of patients, their treatment and associated costs.

Overview

The Australian Teaching and Training Classification (ATTC) provides the health sector with a nationally consistent method of classifying teaching and training activities.

The ATTC will support the measurement of public hospital teaching and training activity that forms policies on funding, budgeting and service planning. The classification will enable teaching and training activities to be funded on an activity based funding basis, increasing the transparency of public hospital funding.

Scope of teaching and training activities for the ATTC

The ATTC is primarily for teaching and training activities provided by in-scope public hospital services under the National Health Reform Agreement, including:

- services delivered by public hospitals
- services delivered by local hospital networks managed or funded by state and territory health authorities.

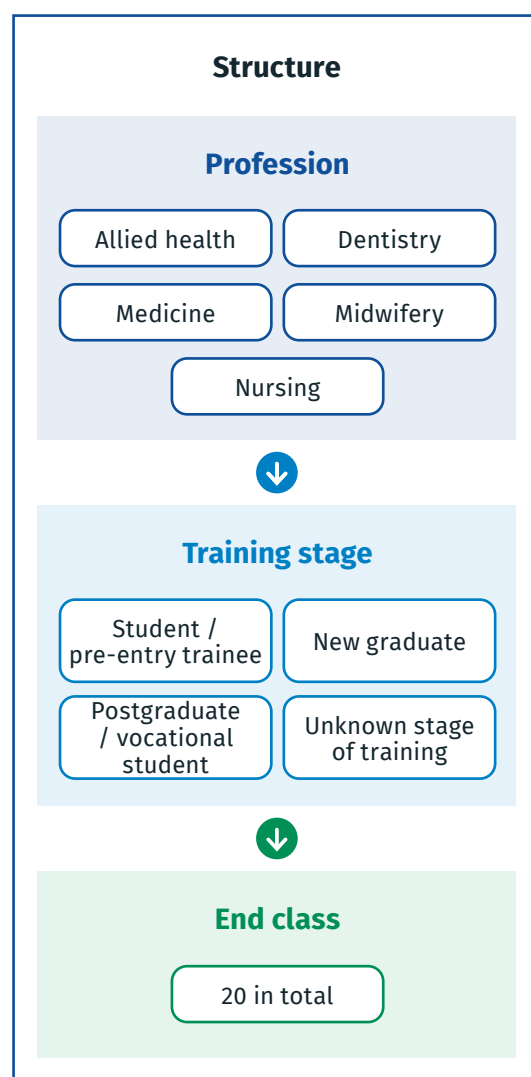
How will the ATTC assist health services?

The ATTC will assist health services:

- with the administrative management of teaching and training in hospitals and healthcare services
- to improve statistical reporting
- to enable quality improvement initiatives, such as benchmarking and performance measurement across similar services
- to provide the healthcare sector with a nationally consistent method of classifying teaching and training activities and costs to ensure transparent and efficient funding of these activities.

Data collection

- National data collections are essential to the development of classifications and the implementation of activity based funding
- Data underpinning the ATTC are collected through the Hospital Teaching, Training and Research Activities National Best Endeavours Data Set (HTTRA NBEDS)
- IHACPA will use data collected from the HTTRA NBEDS to support the future refinement of the ATTC.



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Teaching and training activities and activity based funding



In-scope

The definition of teaching and training for activity based funding only includes activities that are required for clinical professionals to either:

- attain the necessary qualifications or recognised professional body registration to practice
- acquire sufficient clinical competence upon entering the workforce or
- undertake specialist or advance practice.

This includes health professionals whose registration has lapsed, and are required to retrain in order to practice.



Out-of-scope

Whilst public hospital services provide a broad range of teaching and training activities, the following are not considered in-scope for the activity based funding definition:

- orientation or induction
- mandatory training required for the health service to retain its accreditation
- training in new skills, technologies or techniques
- continuing professional development
- refresher courses for already qualified health professionals
- clinician training that is not part of a prerequisite
- qualification or registration requirement.



Activities relevant to teaching and training

- 1 Direct activities:** Distinct and separable activities that occur outside of an episode of care, but are directed towards skills and knowledge development. For example, lectures, tutorials and workshops.
- 2 Indirect activities:** Administrative and coordination activities undertaken by a health service that are essential to facilitate teaching and training. These 'back office' activities may include utilities, maintenance, and the coordination of student placements, rotations, educational program development, or negotiation with higher education providers.
- 3 Embedded activities:** Where teaching and training occur in conjunction with patient care, including activities such as ward rounds, training during surgical interventions or refinement of other procedural skills such as cannulisation or catheterisation. Embedded activities are out of scope for activity based funding.

Further information

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