

Approved Immunisation Education Programs in South Australia

Note the requirements for COVID-19 vaccine are listed separately in Table 6

Table 1: Registered Nurses Approved Immunisation Education Programs

Approved immunisation education programs
Health Education Services Australia (HESA) accredited Immunisation Education Program. As published on the HESA website .
Immunisation Education Programs completed prior to March 2023 grandfathered as approved immunisation education programs. Jurisdiction approved/accredited immunisation education programs completed prior to March 2023 are grandfathered. Please contact Immunisation Section, CDCB, SA Health if further information is required 1300 232 272.

Table 2: Registered Nurses Approved Adult Immunisation Education Program (from > 16 years of age)

Education provider	Approved immunisation education program
Health Education Services Australia (HESA) accredited Immunisation Education Program. Courses are published on the HESA website .	
SA Health	Understanding Vaccines and Adult Vaccination Requirements for Workplace Programs

Table 3: Midwives Approved Immunisation Education Programs

Education provider	Approved immunisation education program
Health Education Services Australia (HESA) accredited Immunisation Education Program. Courses are published on the HESA website .	
SA Health	Understanding Vaccines for Midwives – Vaccination during pregnancy and early childhood

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Table 4: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners Approved Immunisation Education Programs

Education provider	Approved immunisation education program
Health Education Services Australia (HESA) accredited Immunisation Education Program. Courses are published on the HESA website .	
Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia / SA Health	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner Immunisation Education Program (no longer available)

Table 5: Pharmacists Approved Immunisation Education Programs

Education provider	Approved immunisation education program
Health Education Services Australia (HESA) accredited Immunisation Education Program. Courses are published on the HESA website .	
Pharmaceutical Society of Australia	Manage the delivery and administration of injections and immunisations
Pharmacy Guild of Australia	Pharmacy Guild Immunisation Course** **The previous version of the Pharmacy Guild course - <i>Vaccination service delivered by pharmacists</i> required the SA Health course <i>Understanding Vaccines and Adult Vaccination requirements for Workplace Programs</i> to be undertaken as a prerequisite course.
Vaccination training provided within Australian pharmacy programs as published by the Australian Pharmacy Council	Pharmacy degree programs. The vaccination training must meet the requirements of the APC Standards for the Accreditation of Programs to support Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines.

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Table 6: Registered Nurses, Midwives, Pharmacists and Aboriginal Health Practitioners to Approved Immunisation Education Programs to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines*

Education provider	Approved immunisation education program
<p>* Specific age ranges apply for vaccine administration. Refer to the Vaccine Administration Code for conditions of administration.</p> <p>Health practitioners must have completed an approved education program as listed in Tables 1 – 5 and an approved COVID-19 immunisation education program to meet the requirements of the Code.</p> <p>The Australian Government, COVID-19 Vaccination Training Program completed prior to 1 October 2023 is grandfathered as an approved immunisation education program.</p>	
SA Health	COVID-19 Immunisation Education Program
Australian Government, Department of Health and Aged Care in partnership with Australian College of Nursing	COVID-19 Vaccination Training Program (no longer offered)

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Version Control

Version	Effective from	Effective to	Change Summary
V 1.0	February 2021	December 2021	Development of Approved Immunisation Education Programs in South Australia Tables as list of approved immunisation training programs in SA, removed from the Code in Schedule 1 and published on SA Health website.
V 1.1	December 2021	April 2023	Addition of administration of COVID-19 Vaccination Training Program.
V 1.2	April 2023	October 2023	Removal of individual listed course as approved from Table 1 and replaced with listed Health Education Services Australia (HESA) accredited Immunisation Education Program. All health practitioners are eligible to complete a HESA approved course and meet the approved education requirements under the Code. Any health practitioner administering COVID-19 vaccines must have completed an approved COVID-19 immunisation education program.
V 1.2	October 2023	April 2024	The grandfathering of the Australian Government COVID-19 Vaccination Training Program completed prior to 1 October 2023 and the addition of the SA Health COVID-19 Immunisation Education Program as an approved program of study as the Australian Government program is no being offered.
V1.3	April 2024	Current	Added as approved training program for pharmacists - Vaccination training provided within Australian pharmacy programs as published by the Australian Pharmacy Council.

For more information

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