



## Media Release

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### University of Queensland gains second OHS accreditation

Building on the accreditation of their Bachelor of OHS Science (Hons) gained in 2013, the University of Queensland this week achieved accreditation for their Master of OHS Science.

In announcing the accreditation, the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board commented that while the program is in its infancy with the first cohort recently graduating, the program appeared to be well received by the students and was well supported by staff. Student numbers are increasing with a strong international contingent.

The Accreditation Board Registrar, Pam Pryor, commented that with the program having a strong science basis it provided an excellent technical foundation for development of OHS professional practice.

The UQ program is unique in offering either full or part time study in a face to face mode. It suits those who wish to follow up their undergraduate study in science, engineering or health science with full time study in preparation for a vocational role.

The program coordinator, Dr Margaret Cook said that with the strong international interest in the Masters, receiving accreditation was very important, as it assured students that they were receiving a highly regarded degree that met the high education and professional standards set by the Accreditation Board.

Accreditation Board Registrar Pam Pryor said that the objective of the Accreditation Board was to ensure that quality professional education was available to aspiring and current OHS professionals and that this required a range of programs with differing emphases to meet the various OHS needs of industry and study preferences of students. The University of Queensland is such an example.

Other universities with accredited masters in OHS include Latrobe University, Edith Cowan University, Monash University and University of Newcastle.

Go to [www.ohseducationaccreditation.org.au](http://www.ohseducationaccreditation.org.au)

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