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Federation University gains OHS accreditation

Following an intensive review of their program, Federation University recently gained accreditation from the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board for their Graduate Diploma in Occupational Hazard Management.

In 1979, under the banner of the then Ballarat College of Advanced education and later University of Ballarat, the Graduate Diploma of Occupational Hazard Management was the first tertiary level OHS professional education program in Australia.

A trade mark of the program has always been the intensive on-campus program which enables students to engage with staff and other students to explore the knowledge in-depth through critical discussion. With on-campus block sessions of 2-3 weeks per semester followed by off-campus assessment requirements there are high demands on both student time and academic commitment. Program coordinator Stephen Young commented that “the professional networks developed through this block model tend to become part of the graduates’ professional support system”.

The program has undergone review in recent years and Young said “we are proud of our GDOHM and are aware of the need for continual improvement of our content, presentation, and pedagogy. We see our industry advisory body and student input as an important part of the ongoing course development”

There are now eight universities with a total of 15 accredited programs (2 undergraduate, 7 graduate diplomas and 6 master programs)

See www.ohseducationaccreditation.org.au

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