

Australian Network of Academic Public Health Institutions (ANAPHI) Mission
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The mission of the Australian Network of Academic Public Health Institutions (ANAPHI) is to provide support for and strengthen education and research training in public health in order to meet the needs of the public health workforce, employers and students. ANAPHI is the peak body, aiming to facilitate the sharing of information and networking between institutions and presents the voice of the sector as a conduit between the sector and governments and other stakeholders.

The specific goals of ANAPHI are to:

1. Enhance the public profile and presence of the sector, whereby the members of the network will:

- develop partnerships with governments at all levels and non government organisations to strengthen public health action and responsiveness to emerging public health needs through research and learning;
- provide representation on key decision-making bodies; and
- advocate for appropriate investments in education and research.

2. Improve the quality and accessibility of public health education and training in Australia through members:

- promoting excellence in public health education through the development and application of appropriate standards, quality assurance processes and performance monitoring;
- sharing expertise and content to maximise the effective and efficient delivery of public health programs across the nation;
- working collaboratively to increase the reach and access of public health programs, and fostering opportunities for cross-institutional training to enhance the learning experience of students; and
- developing and delivering national training programs which utilise the expertise, and rely on the contribution, of members in different states and territories.

3. Improve the quality and accessibility of public health research in Australia through:

- monitoring changes in the research policy environment and advocating for the place of public health in this environment through collaboration with other organisations;
- working collaboratively to enhance and expand quality of and opportunities for research training; and
- fostering awareness of public health research amongst relevant stakeholders and promoting awareness through the dissemination of research findings.

4. Monitoring the impact of public health research and education in Australia by:

- documenting the outcomes of public health education for prospective and current students, graduates and employers;
- monitoring Australian developments in relation to existing and developing international benchmarks; and
- promotion and dissemination of public health achievements by member institutions (staff and students).