

Australian Teaching and Training Classification

Version 1.0



The Australian Teaching and Training Classification (ATTC) version 1.0 provides the health sector with a nationally consistent method of classifying teaching and training activities.

Overview

The ATTC version 1.0 will support the measurement of public hospital teaching and training activity that form the information required for policies on funding, budgeting and setting costs. The development of the classification will enable teaching and training activities to be funded on an Activity Based Funding (ABF) basis, increasing the transparency of public hospital funding.

Scope of teaching and training activities for the ATTC

The ATTC version 1.0 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 version 1.0 assist health services?

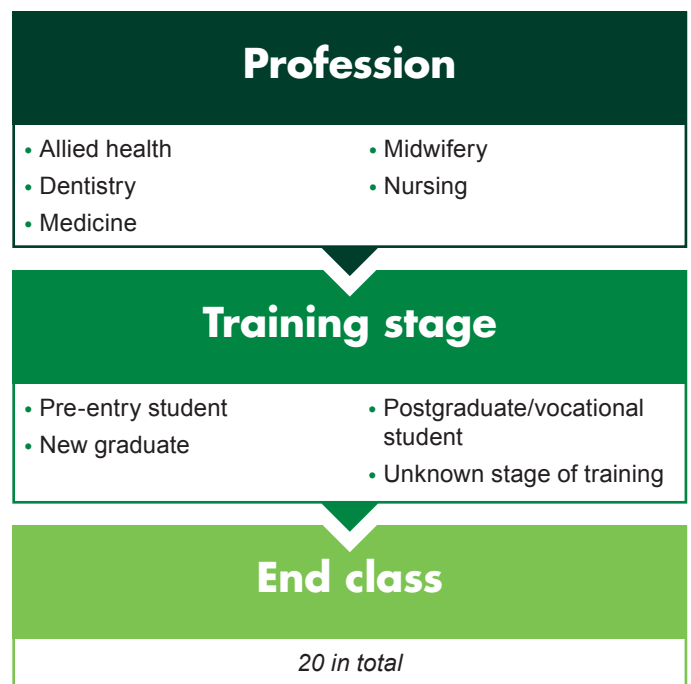
The ATTC version 1.0 will assist health services:

- with the administrative management of teaching and training in hospitals and health care services
- to improve statistical reporting
- to enable quality improvement initiatives, such as benchmarking and performance measurement across similar services
- to provide the health care 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

- Data underpinning the ATTC are collected through the Hospital Teaching, Training and Research Activities National Best Endeavours Data Set (HTTRA NBEDS).
- National data collections are essential to the development of classifications and the implementation of ABF.
- IHPA will use data collected from the HTTRA NBEDS 2018-19 to support the future refinement of the ATTC.

Structure of the ATTC version 1.0



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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.
4. Overheads: A hospital's corporate overhead costs (e.g. finance department and payroll services).

ATTC version 1.0 activities

In-scope

The definition of teaching and training includes only 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.

Health professionals whose registration has lapsed and are required to retrain to become eligible to practice are included.

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 ATTC version 1.0:

- orientation / 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.

Note: Embedded and overhead activities are not in scope for the ATTC.

Further information

Further information about the Australian Teaching and Training Classification (ATTC) version 1.0 is available via the IHPA website, at: <https://www.ihpa.gov.au/what-we-do/teaching-training-and-research>.

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