Fellow Profile

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Claire is a dietitian whose work focuses on teaching and learning of the underlying issues to eating well and transforming assessment to support graduates to be prepared for practice.

Fellowship title: Transforming competency-based assessment in nutrition and dietetics

Year completed: 2015

Expertise key words: assessment; competency-standards; determinants of health

What did you achieve?: Claire established, and continues to lead, a 44 member strong, trans-tasman community of practice for dietetics educators to support best practice competency based assessment. Her Fellowship has commenced an important dialogue on competency-based assessment in nutrition and dietetics, changing the perspectives of the profession. Her work has supported increased capacity for understanding and application of a programmatic approach to assessment where that students are placed at the centre of assessment with multiple pieces of evidence used to inform judgement of competence. Improving competency based education and assessment is key for supporting the development of health professionals better equipped to improve the health of the population into the future.

What does the sector need now?: Changes to accreditation of health professions programs