

CANDIDATE PROFILE INFORMATION

As voting members may not be familiar with the candidate, in no more than 250 words please describe yourself. This information could include such things as your background in the profession, your skills which you can bring to the Board, any particular reason(s) outlining why you wish to be elected to and what you would expect to achieve during your term on the Board.

Either the nominator or the candidate can complete this profile.

I graduated as a Naturopath in 1992 and have been in private practice as a Naturopath in the Brisbane area consistently since.

Previously, I studied Behavioural Sciences at USQ and followed that with Registered Nurse training at the Royal Brisbane Hospital where I continued in a permanent part-time position for 20 years, gradually working fewer days as my practice increased working in all major specialties including emergency (3 years) and infectious diseases (12 years).

In 2002 I commenced teaching at the Australian College of Natural Medicine (which later became the Endeavour College of Natural Health), mainly herbal medicine and supervising clinic subjects.

In 2004 I enrolled in the Masters Health Science (Herbal Medicine) at UNE and graduated in 2007, the following two years I upgraded my diploma qualification to a degree and completed that in 2009.

I am co-owner of a Naturopathic clinic in Brisbane, which is unusual as it functions as a Naturopathic general practice with eight Naturopaths working various days from 3 clinic rooms with a full dispensary.

The clinic is situated in a medical specialists building (with a general medical practice and pharmacy on the ground floor) adjacent to a major metropolitan teaching hospital where we have developed various professional relationships over the seven years we have been established.

In 2016 I enrolled in a PhD at UTS investigating the naturalistic practice of herbal medicine in relation to anxiety and depression (ACTRN12616000010493) and passed stage one in July 2017 and recruitment is well underway.

Signed:  Date 15/09/2017